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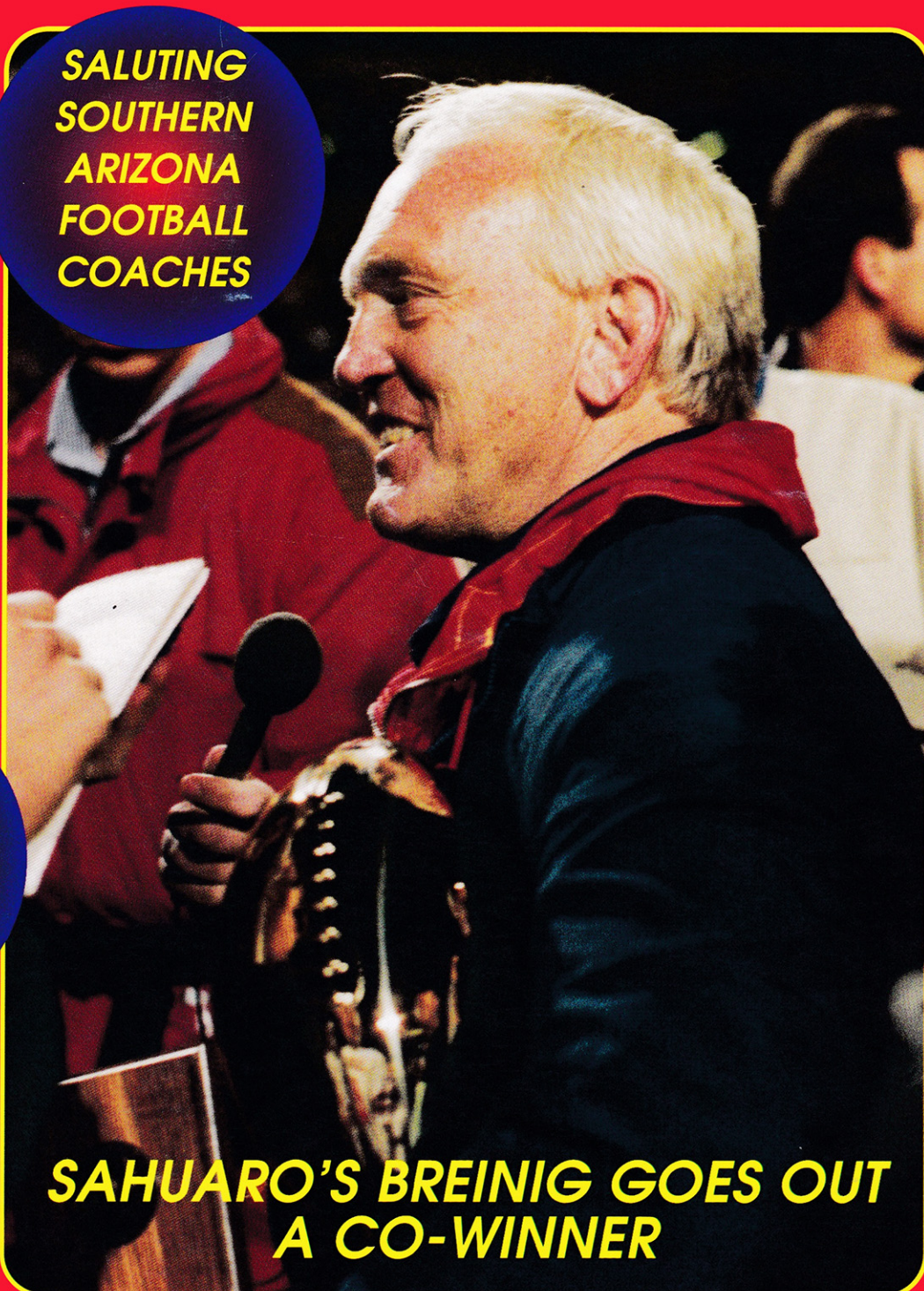
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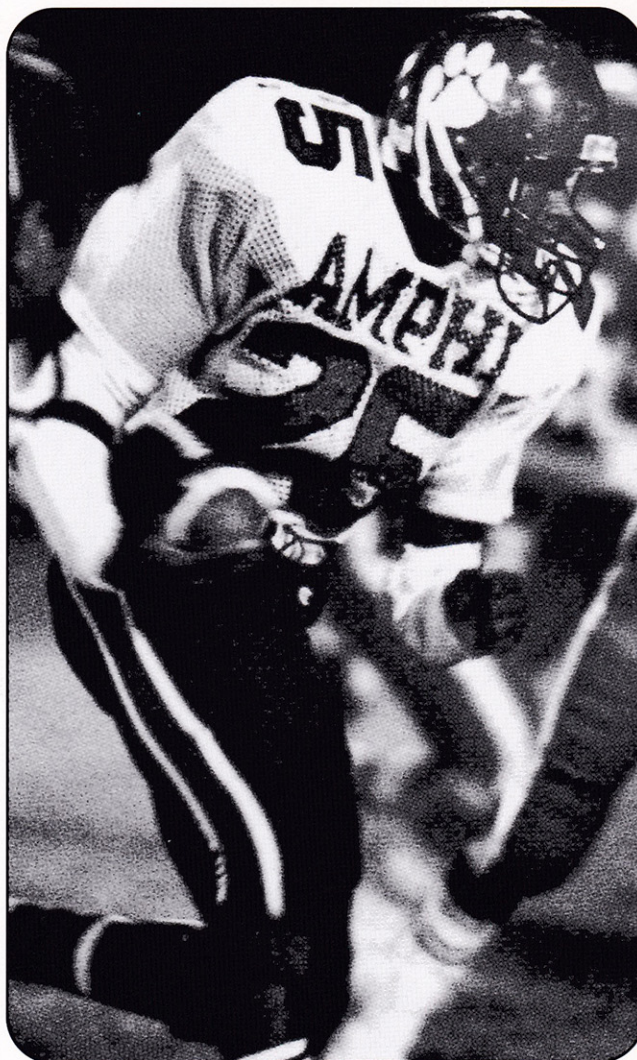


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1958..Gary Clifford, Pueblo, RB
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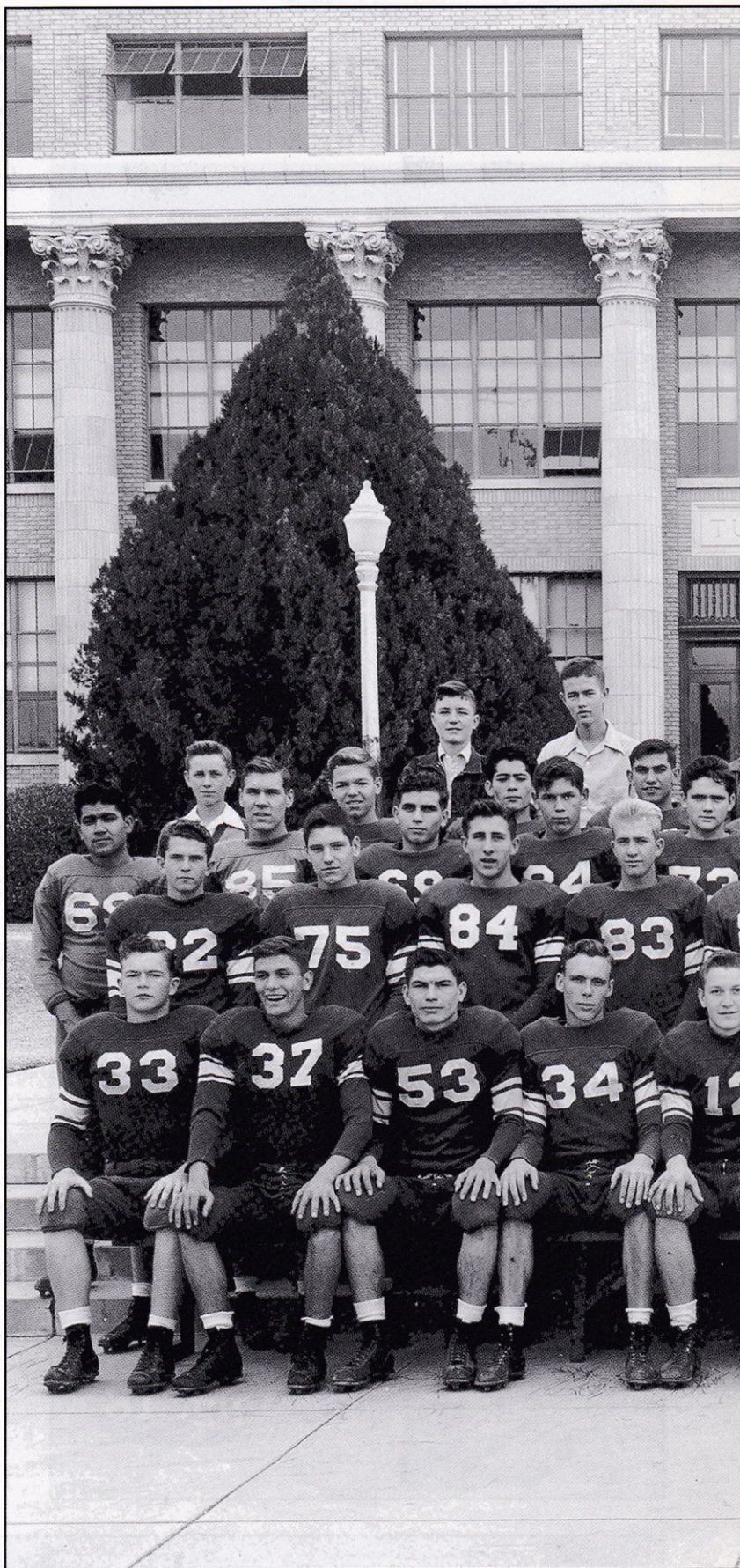
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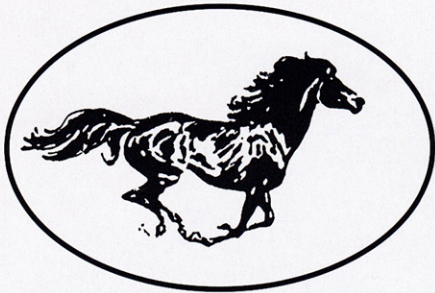
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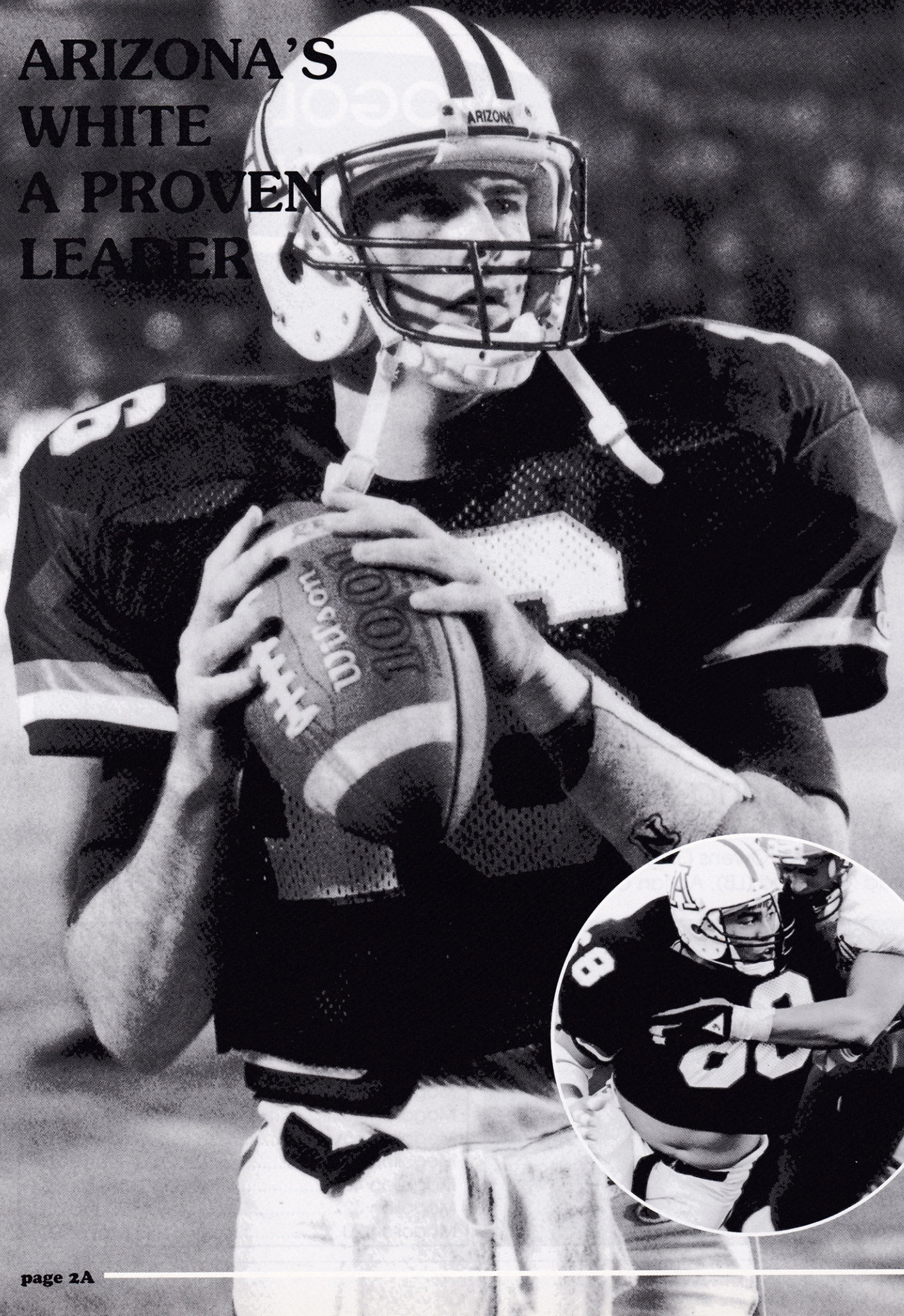
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ARIZONA'S WHITE A PROVEN LEADER



By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

It wasn't long ago when the Arizona football team considered an eight-win season and a bowl appearance a success.

From 1960 to 1990, the Wildcats won eight games in a season just eight times and saw action in six bowl games.

A year ago, Arizona was 8-4, good enough for a Freedom Bowl bid and a No. 20 ranking in both the AP and USA Today/CNN final polls.

But while in 1965 students might have danced on Speedway over a season like that, many in Tucson weren't impressed with the Cats' year, especially after Utah spoiled the bowl party, 16-13.

After all, Arizona was *Sports Illustrated's* preseason No. 1, thanks to a "Desert Swarm" defense that was hailed like the Pope.

But things are different this year as expectations are not as great. That hardly means that coach Dick Tomey is conceding the Pac-10 title to somebody in southern California.

"I believe we will have the personnel," Tomey said, "if some of our newcomers come through and play defense at the same level we've established over the last three years."

If the Wildcats are to play in Pasadena New Year's Day for the first time ever, they will need a mammoth-sized performance from their defense. Arizona returns just three starters on offense and Tomey must replace every '94 starter on the offensive line. In short, Arizona's front seven is more unsettled than Bosnia.

"Overall, our biggest job will be getting the offensive line to jell once we begin to play in the fall," continues Tomey. "It's

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Sept. 2PACIFIC
Sept. 7GEORGIA TECH
Sept. 16at Illinois
Sept. 23USC
Sept. 30CALIFORNIA
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Oct. 21WASHINGTON
Oct. 28at Washington State
Nov. 4at Oregon State
Nov. 11at Oregon
Nov. 24	.....at Arizona State

WILDCAT NEWCOMERS

Player/Pos/Size	Hometown	Player/Pos/Size	Hometown
Dan Loyd, qb, 6-2, 200San Gabriel, CA	James Lewis, l, 6-5, 240Bell, CA
Marcus Bell, b, 6-2, 210St. Johns, AZ	Cai McCray, l, 6-4, 260Santa Maria, CA
Trung Canidate, b, 6-0, 173Phoenix, AZ	Ian McCutcheon, l, 6-5, 280Long Beach, CA
Leland Gayles, b, 5-9, 170Renton, WA	Frank Middleton, l, 6-5, 305Beaumont, TX
Daren Hooper, b, 6-1, 205Woodside, CA	Ted Printy, l, 6-4, 270San Diego, CA
Kelvin Hunter, b, 5-11, 170Los Angeles, CA	Dolphin Tillman, l, 6-3, 220Lynwood, CA
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Rodney Williams, b, 6-1, 180Palmdale, CA	Mark McDonald, pk, 6-1, 180S. Monica, CA
Rusty James, l, 6-3, 260Mesa, AZ		

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going to take some work to develop a good line, but that's what coaching is about."

Look for Willie Walker (6-3, 293) and David Watson (6-5, 250) to push junior college transfers Ian McCutcheon (6-5, 280) and Ryan Turley (6-7, 260) for the tackle spots. At least seven players are fighting for two guard spots and the 'Cats are counting on former starter and injury plagued Mani Ott (6-3, 255) at center. At tight end, Damon Terrell, Tim Thomas and Mike Lucky will fight for time.

Fortunately for the 'Cats, they have a proven leader at quarterback in senior Dan White. He threw 14 TD passes last year and his .571 completion percentage set a school record. White came on down the stretch last season, throwing for 370 and 266 yards against USC and ASU, respectively, in Arizona's final two regular season games.

"Dan has shown he's a leader," Tomey adds. "He's helped us win 18 games the last two years."

When White takes to the air, he'll most likely be looking for Richard Dice (56 catches for 969 yards) or senior wideout Cary Taylor.

In the backfield, the 'Cats lose 1,000 yard rusher Ontwaun Carter but return a solid nucleus. Fullback Charles Myles and tailbacks Kevin Schmidtke and Gary Taylor will get the majority of the carries.

While the Arizona offensive attack has improved in recent years, it's still the squad's defensive unit that causes opponents to have cold sweats.

Consensus All-American Tedy Bruschi (DE) and All-Pac-10 safety Brandon Sanders, both seniors, are the leaders.

Up front, Bruschi (6-1, 255) and tack-

les Chuck Osborne (6-2, 280) and Joe Salave'a (6-4, 270) are enough to make a tailback wish he missed the bus. They combined for 35 tackles for losses and 24 sacks.

"Tedy, Chuck and Joe give us a tremendous start on the defensive line," says Tomey. "They know what it takes and they know how to give that effort."

Bruschi (see photo) is particularly scary. He was a Lombardi Trophy finalist last season and has 37.5 sacks for his career. His signature game was the '94 Fiesta Bowl when he terrorized Miami in route to capturing the defensive MVP award for the contest.

"Tedy Bruschi has something special inside of him that makes him a great football player," says the head coach. "I didn't put it there. I'm damn glad it comes out every game; every snap. He has a motor that won't quit."

At linebacker, the 'Cats are solid with senior starter Charlie Camp, converted soph DE Mike Szlauko, redshirt sophomore Chester Burnett and junior two-year lettermen Armon Williams.

A year ago, Arizona was hurt too often by the big play. It should come as no surprise that Tomey is seeking improvement from his secondary.

"We were not at our best a year ago and we must improve in this area," concludes Tomey. "We think we have the people who can do that."

In addition to Sanders, the 'Cats return Kelly Malveaux, a sophomore who earned five starts as a corner a year ago. Soph Chuck Rich should replace the departed Tony Bouie at free safety and Derrick Stewart, Shawn Parnel and Skeeter Harrington will fight for the other corner.

SUN DEVILS RIDING ON PLUMMER'S RIGHT ARM



By Joseph Barry Sollenberger

It hasn't been 50 years since an Arizona State football team last went to a bowl game.

It just seems that way.

In 1987, Ronald Reagan was President, no one knew of Garth Brooks and Yugoslavia was a country when the Devils last went bowling.

Coach Bruce Snyder intends to get ASU back in post season play this fall, but that won't be easy. The Devils return only 11 starters from a 3-8 squad of a year ago (their worst since 1946) and play a schedule tougher than raw meat.

Three of ASU's first five games are on the road, and those opponents – Washington, Nebraska and USC – are probably good enough to scare the Dallas Cowboys.

It won't be easy for Snyder to turn the program around this season, but he remains optimistic.

"We've got a lot of young guys who have come quite a ways," Snyder says. "But there are some players who have got to get better faster."

Fortunately for Snyder, he has a leader in quarterback Jake Plummer. The junior signal-caller completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,179 yards and 15 TDs a year ago.

"Jake has the entire package," Snyder says. "A lot of quarterbacks can throw the football deep, but Jake can pass the football deep to a spot and hit the spot. That is something you can't teach."

When Plummer goes to the air, he'll most likely be looking for WR Keith Poole and TE Steve Bush. Poole caught 31 passes for 669 yards and six TDs last season. Bush returns from knee and ankle injuries that caused him to miss most of last year.

"I'm really confident in Jake and Poole and Bush," adds Snyder. "Bush is up to 255 pounds, and I think he's quicker. The

SUN DEVIL NEWCOMERS

Player/Pos/Size	Hometown	Player/Pos/Size	Hometown
Chad Brown, qb, 6-1, 180	Monterey, CA	Sam Tagaloa, ol, 6-4, 300	Daly City, CA
Jay Hinton, rb, 6-1, 180	Phoenix, AZ	Hamilton Mee, dl, 6-3, 245	Mingus, AZ
J.R. Redmond, rb, 6-1, 190	Carson, CA	Ryan Reilly, dl, 6-4, 270	Yorba Linda, CA
Joby Bratcher, wr, 6-2, 185	Clovis, CA	Kurt Wallin, dl, 6-2, 240	Mesa, AZ
Derrick Charles, wr, 5-11, 165	Ft. Scott, KS	Ken Westerhaus, dl, 6-5, 250	Glendale, AZ
Lenzie Jackson, wr, 6-0, 180	Milipitas, CA	James Kelly, lb, 6-2, 225	Riverside, CA
Kenny Mitchell, wr, 6-4, 190	Peoria, AZ	Derek Smith, lb, 6-2, 225	American Fork, UT
Isaiah Mustafa, wr, 6-4, 208	Oxnard, CA	Phillip Brown, db, 6-0, 180	Bakersfield, CA
Kendrick Bates, te, 6-5, 220	Ontario, CA	Kareem Clark, db, 5-9, 170	Yorba Linda, CA
Devin Kendall, te, 6-3, 240	Fremont, CA	Courtney Jackson, db, 6-1, 190	DeSoto, TX
Jeff Johannesen, ol, 6-5, 305	Phoenix, AZ	Ricky Boyer, rs, 5-10, 175	Compton, CA
Thomas Schmidt, ol, 6-6, 240	Ontario, CA	Robert Nycz, pk, 5-11, 185	Bakersfield, CA
Al Simpson, ol, 6-6, 290	Riverside, CA		

*Charles, Mustafa, Kendall, Simpson, Tagaloa, Mee, Smith, Nycz are JC transfers.

issue, I think, will come down to whether we'll hold on protection."

At times over the past seven seasons, it seemed that the Devils played with no offensive line. The quarterback would take the snap from center and immediately have four defensive linemen in his face.

For the safety of Plummer, the ASU coaching staff wants things to be different this fall and there is hope. The Devils return three offensive linemen - center Kirk Robertson (6-5, 294), RG Pat Thompson (6-1, 303) and LT Juan Roque (6-8, 313). Junior Roque is ASU's best lineman and is touted as one of the top tackles in the country.

"He has the talent to be one of the best linemen to ever play here," insists offensive coordinator Dan Cozzetto. "He also plays with the mentality of a defensive lineman."

Look for sophomores Glen Gable (6-5, 281) and Kyle Murphy (6-4, 262) to nab the other starting spots among the front seven.

The Devils also appear set at tailback, where senior Chris Hopkins (see photo) will be the starter. He rushed for 680 yards on 169 carries a year ago.

"Chris absolutely loves the game of football and he wears it on his sleeve," says Snyder. "He will be the perfect senior leader playing an important position on this football team."

Sophomores Terry Battle (see photo) and Marlon Farlow will compete for carries behind Hopkins.

Defensively, the Devils yielded 440.8 yards a game - the most in school history - and 31.6 points per contest. "We've got to shore up virtually everything we do defensively," Snyder said. "We need to get stouter and tougher inside."

Justin Dragoo (6-3, 231) leads a group of at least seven linebackers. Dragoo, a sixth-year senior, was granted a rare sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA because of a career stricken with knee injuries.

Sam Santana, Chris Finn and Ty Wade are also expected to contribute.

At rover, senior Lee Cole (6-0, 191) is pencilled in as the starter. Cole started four games last season, including the final three (Oregon, UCLA and Arizona). Sophomore Pat Tillman and redshirt-freshman Larry Johnson are the backups.

Senior Harlen Rashada is the most experienced rover-gunner on the squad. The 6-2, 202-pounder from Oakland, Calif., has started 16 games in his career and was fifth on the team in tackles with 61. Among his career highlights is a 37-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown against Stanford.

"Harlen will be an important part of our defensive game plan," says defensive coordinator Phil Snow. "He's a very good athlete who knows our system."

At tackle, the Devils have only one senior in Mike Balian. His status for this season, however, is still unclear because he's still recovering from a torn knee suffered last fall. While ASU is not deep at this position, it returns a couple of starters - Brent Burnstein (6-8, 240) and Shawn Swayda (6-4, 273).

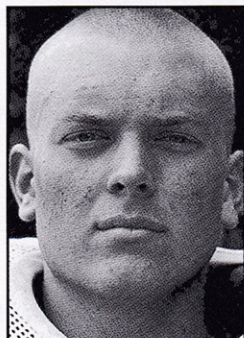
Opposing quarterbacks loved the Devils' secondary a year ago. They would look for the big play and ASU often obliged by giving up huge chunks of yardage through the air. Improvement from the cornerbacks is a priority of Snyder's and it won't be easy, considering that Craig Newsome is now in the NFL.

Snyder does have a number of skilled athletes to choose from in Marcus Soward, Traivon Johnson, Lamont Morgan and Jason Simmons. At free safety, the Devils are looking for someone to replace two-year starter Eddie Cade. Sophomore Thomas Simmons appears to be the man. He played in 10 games a year ago. But watch for newcomer Mitchell Freedman, a former Phoenix Maryvale star with loads of potential.

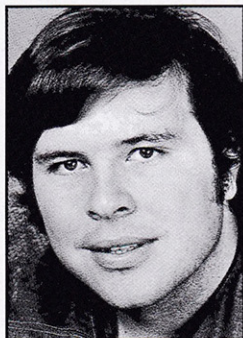
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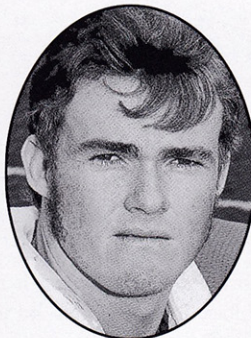
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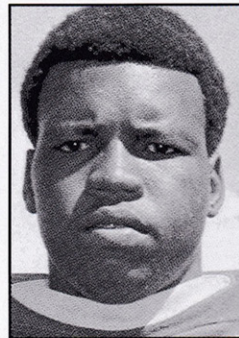
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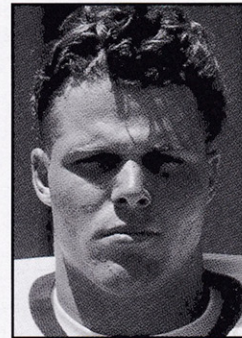
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1994 Matt Griffith, Mesa (NG)
1993 Todd Thompson, Tucson Sahuaro (DL)
1992 John Tait, Tempe McClintock (OT)
1991 Willie Walker, Tucson Desert View (DL)
1990 Grady Stretz, Tempe McClintock (DL)
1989 Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)
1988 Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)
1987 Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)
1986 Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)
1985 Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (OT)
1984 Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)
1983 Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)
1982 Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)
1981 Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1980 Tom Briehl, Phoenix Gerard (T)
1979 Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)
1978 Doug Kellermeyer, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)
1977 Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)
1976 Jack Housely, Phoenix Maryvale (DL)
1975 Phil Hedrick, Phoenix Maryvale (T)
1974 Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)
1973 Jon Abbott, Phoenix Central (T)
1972 Keith Sobraske, Scottsdale Coronado (T)
1971 Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)
1970 Glen Gresham, Phoenix Union (OT)
1969 Roger Kronberg, Tempe (OT)
1968 Fernie Mendoza, Tucson Salpointe (T)
1967 Ken Hatcher, Mesa (C)
1966 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T)

1965 Bill Dawson, Tucson (T) jr.
1964 Richard Griffin, Mesa Westwood (OT)
1963 Curley Culp, Yuma (MG)
1962 (TIE) Gary Swift, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
..... Bob Bertelsen, Scottsdale Arcadia (T)
1961 Allen Thorn, Phoenix St. Mary's (C)
1960 Ted Lawrence, South Mountain (G)
1959 Dennis Couse, Tucson (T)
1958 Stacey Ostland, South Mountain (C)
1957 Wayne Magnusson, Phoenix West (G)
1956 John Vucichevich, Miami (C)
1955 Sumner Smith, Phoenix Union (T)
1954 Al Carr, Phoenix Union (G)
1953 Dick Nordmeyer, Tucson (DT)
1952 Guy Barrickman, Tucson (T)
1951 Robert Green, Phoenix Carver (T) jr.
1950 Glenn Bowers, Mesa (G)
1949 Phil Russell, Phoenix St. Mary's (T)
1948 Roy Alba, Phoenix Union (G)
1947 Bill Workman, Mesa (C)
1946 Bill Penny, Yuma (T)
1945 Joe Kelley, Tucson (T)

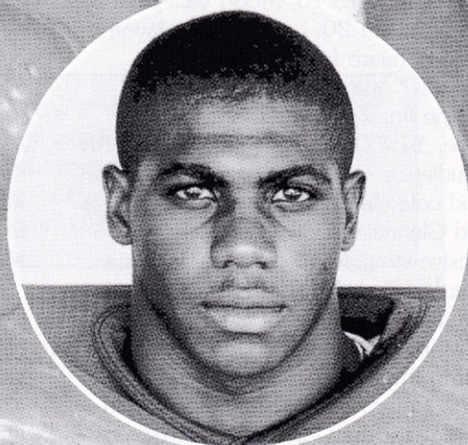
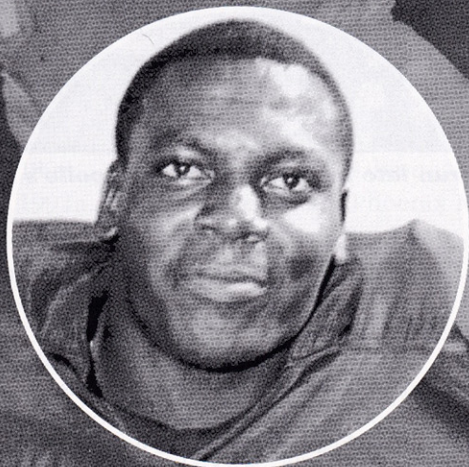
BRIAN MURRAY, a 1972 Salpointe H.S. grad, was a three-year starter at Arizona, and projected as a high NFL draft pick, but was killed in a fall at Redington Pass, between the Catalina and Rincon mountains, in 1977.

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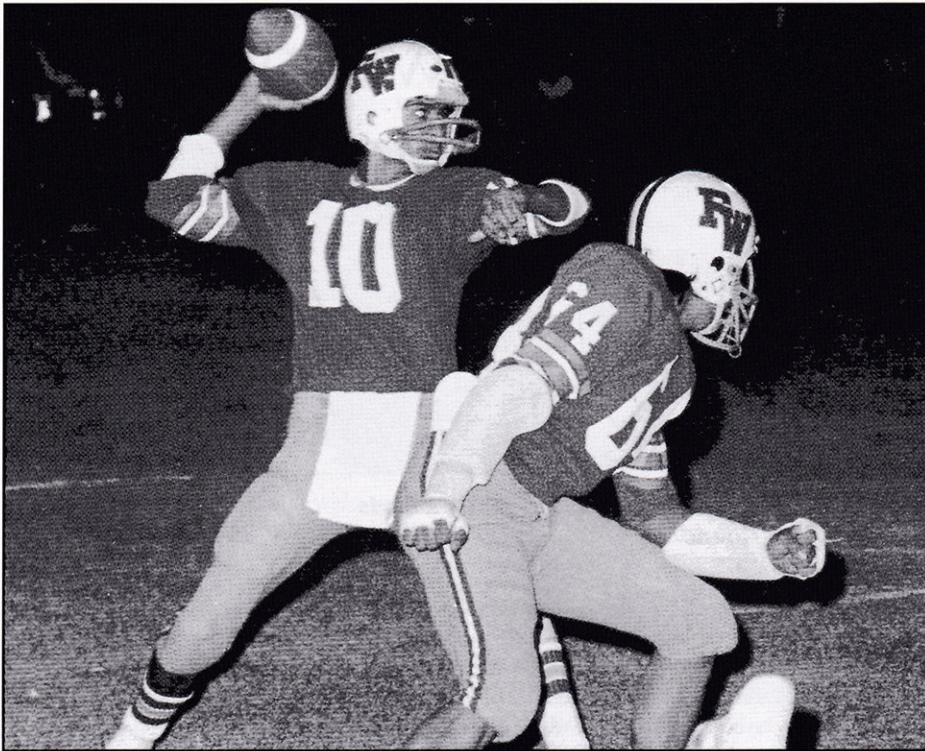
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Flowing Wells Had the Hart



Sophomore quarterback Steve Torres gets plenty of protection from teammate Joe Carrasco during a 12-10 win over CDO (Arizona Daily Star photo).

The wishbone offense may not be in vogue among high school football teams today, but for Tucson Amphitheater in 1975, the triple-option was the name of the game.

The Panthers, coached by Jerry Loper, captured the schools first state crown, a heart-stopping come-from-behind 23-22 win over Phoenix Maryvale, played before 11,000 fans at the University of Arizona.

It took over three decades, but Amphi finally emerged on top of the Arizona AAA grid ranks. With senior quarterback Jim Krohn running the offense, Loper's Green Machine recorded a near-perfect 12-1 record. Prior to the finals, Maryvale had been undefeated.

While Loper and Amphi spent years trying to get into the state championship game, Flowing Wells head coach Larry Hart and his Caballeros had spent years trying to win it.

As the crow flies, Flowing Wells and Amphi are less than one minute apart. Since the Caballeros were a smaller Class AA school, they seldom met on the gridiron. But when the 1975 campaign ended, they both were on cloud nine.

Before Flowing Wells nailed Snowflake 14-13 in the Class AA finals, Hart had

taken five different clubs to the finals. Every one came away with a runnerup trophy.

"Everyone is out to beat us," said Hart at the time. "We won six division titles in eight years and four teams were unbeaten in regular season play. It's a tribute to the kids that they went all the way. It was the most depth I've ever had. Whenever someone got hurt, we had someone fill in who could do the job."

Steve Torres was a perfect example. When starting signal caller Benny Jimenez went out with an injury, young Torres - just a sophomore - stepped in. Seldom passing in the Cabs' run-oriented offense, he managed to hit receivers 15 times for 428 yards - a 28.5 yards per reception average!

But the big gun was little John Bray, one of seven FW first-team all-stars. The 5-11, 175 pound back rushed for 1,198 yards on 151 carries. He scored 24 touchdowns and 144 points.

The 'Cabs got off to a good start, beating larger Sunnyside High 20-0, when Bray carried 29 times for 200 yards. One week later, Coolidge's Blue Bears went home black & blue, after a 63-6 beating. Bray started the scoring with a 75 yard

punt return. Sophomore Chuck Ragels kicked a school record nine extra points.

Bray scored five touchdowns - all in the second half - as the 'Cabs routed Globe. Safford, annually the Cabs' toughest foe, fell in Tucson 27-24, thanks to a 70 yard punt return by John Bryant. Canyon del Oro, the Cabs' biggest rival, fell 12-10 in the best defensive struggle of the season. Bray scored on a short run and Torres hit Damian Peace for a TD strike to seal the win.

During a 41-16 win over Nogales, the running and pass catching of Bry was too much for the Apaches. The Cabs' defense wasn't too kind either, as Flowing Wells took a 41-0 halftime lead.

"We almost stopped ourselves in the title game," said Hart after the Snowflake win. "We fumbled three times, but in a way it was justice that we played exceptional defense, beating them 14-13 and finally winning that darn trophy. We've enough of those runner-up statues. Five too many to be exact."

In 10 games, Flowing Wells scored 333 points and averaged 321 yards per contest. Joining Bray on the Class AA all-state squad were teammates Darrell Bossert (OT), Joe Carrasco (OG), Todd Wasson (DL), David Moore (LB), Richard O'Haver (LB) and Scott Sanderlin (B). Both Wasson and Sanderlin were juniors.

All-together, Hart won 103 games at FW, more than any coach at the school. His 103-45-4 record between 1968 and 1979 gave him a .696 winning percentage. Only two other coaches compiled better winning marks, but they coached just four years or less. In two seasons, Ted Sorich went 12-4-3 (.750), while Larry Gray went 31-11-1 (.738) in four. Sorich, a former all-state quarterback at Bisbee and star signal caller at Northern Arizona University, is the Caballeros' athletic director today. Hart is retired and living in Tucson. The University of Idaho graduate spent 34 years in education, coaching at both Ajo and Amphi before moving to Flowing Wells.

As for next-door-neighbor Amphi, the Panthers' championship season was just the beginning of more than two decades of excellent high school football. Today, some the the state's all-time best players, including NFL stars like Mike Bates (Seattle Seahawks) and brother Mario (New Orleans Saints), have worn the Amphi Black & Green.

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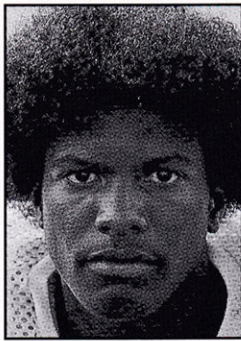
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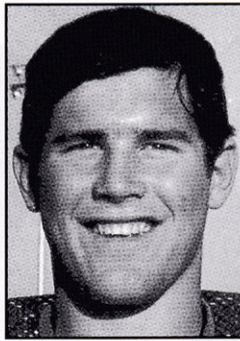
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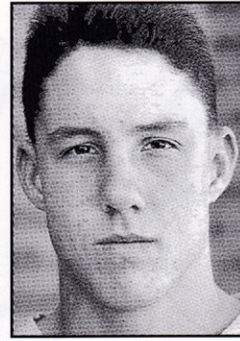
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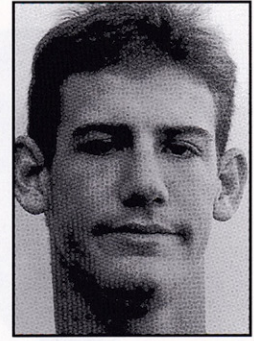
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 1989 Aaron Santini, Tucson Santa Rita
 1988 Bret Powers, Glendale Cactus
 1987 John Bonds, Phoenix St. Mary's
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 1984 Steve Belles, Phoenix St. Mary's
 1983 John Walker, Tempe Marcos de Niza
 1982 Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro (jr)
 1981 Steve Stallworth, Yuma
 1980 Trent Hutchinson, South Mountain
 1979 Lloyd Coker, Phoenix Central
 1978 Kevin Smith, Scottsdale Saguardo (jr)
 1977 Mike Pagel, Phoenix Washington
 1976 Greg Brady, Scottsdale Coronado
 1975 Jim Krohn, Tucson Amphi
 1974 Mark Whipple, Phoenix Camelback
 1973 Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado
 1972 Greg Hubbell, Phoenix Central
 1971 Fred Mortensen, Tempe
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 1969 Danny White, Mesa Westwood
 1968 Bill Mannion, Phoenix St. Mary's
 1967 Ken Johnson, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
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 1965 George Mattingly, Scottsdale Arcadia

1964 Dave Grangaard, Phoenix Camelback
 1963 Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria
 1962 Timmy Flood, Phoenix Brophy Prep
 1961 Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington
 1960 Gary Deak, Scottsdale Arcadia
 1959 Eddie Bricker, Miami
 1958 John Power, Phoenix Camelback
 1957 Eddie Wilson, Chandler
 1956 Carlos Rodriguez, Morenci
 1955 Jim Wolf, Yuma
 1954 Ralph Hunsaker, Mesa
 1953 Clyde Nielson, North Phoenix (jr)
 1952 Pat Flood, Tucson
 1951 Vaughn Patterson, North Phoenix (jr)
 1950 James Black, Phoenix Union
 1949 Buster Madariaga, Round Valley
 1948 Don Ahee, Tucson
 1947 Dan Russell, Mesa
 1946 Gus Headington, Yuma
 1945 Manuel Aja, Glendale
 1944 Charles Beall, Mesa
 1943 Charles Beall, Mesa (jr)

FRED ENKE, JR., a three-sport star at Tucson High and the University of Arizona, was the first Arizona schoolboy to start at quarterback in the NFL. He played with Detroit (1948-51), Philadelphia (1952) and Baltimore (1953-54).

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Big, Bad Badgers Best Yet?

Carl Rollins looked at the scoreboard, shook his head and said, "I don't know who can stop this Tucson High club. They ought to go right on to win the state championship."

Rollins, the 46-year-old coach at Phoenix Maryvale, had just seen his club trampled 26-7 in the state Class AA semifinals, played at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

"This is the finest ball club we played this season," Rollins added. "No one was able to score that many points against us. Tucson has speed and agility. They're a fine ball club."

The Badgers' balance, depth, explosiveness, faking, speed and power carried them again. This time to the 1965 state football championship. One week later - on the same field - the Big Red Machine awed a crowd of 18,000 by coasting to a 27-7 win over talented Yuma High. It was the school's 10th state football title.

The Badger's 12th win in as many starts was sweet for head coach John Mallamo, who had failed in three previous playoff attempts. Halfbacks Lewis Cook and David Jones completed their high school careers by scoring 18 points and gaining 233 yards between them.

In addition to posting a perfect season, the Badgers broke Tucson city records for points scored (404) and fewest allowed (94). Their closest game came on Texas soil, a 29-14 win over Irvin High in El Paso.

Crisp blocking, hard-nosed tackling and awesome running from the T-formation characterized Mallamo's club, labeled one of Arizona's all-time best.

In winning it all, the Badgers became the first local team to post a perfect record since Jason "Red" Greer's 1952 nationally ranked Tucson club went 10-0. Some local experts felt the '65 Badgers were the strongest prep team ever fielded in Arizona, sporting a horde of talented players.

One of the tributes paid to Mallamo's team came from long time University of Arizona stadium manager "Stub" Ashcraft. "I don't recall ever seeing a better high school football team in Arizona," said Ashcraft. "And I was attending Phoenix Union in the days when Union, Mesa, Yuma and Tucson were producing some great football teams."

The offense was highlighted by quarterback Rich Alday's ball-handling, faking and passing, the running of halfbacks

Cook (170) and Jones (155), the blocking of fullback Frank Mendez (174), ends Rich Sainz (160) and Al Almazon (165), tackles Bill Dawson (210) and Ron Shaw (204), guards Oscar Escobar (192) and Mel Byrge (179), and center Ernie Gradillas (180).

Cook, a high school All-American, and Jones were premium backs, with the former being the offensive dandy. He toted the ball 178 times for 1,624 yards, a 9.1 average. Jones rambled for 1,118 yards on 105 carries, a 10.4 average per clip. Alday completed 43 of 77 passes (56%) for 762 yards and eight touchdowns in Tucson's run-oriented offense.

The line's blocking, highlighted by future All-American Bill Dawson, was remarkable. Any pressure that goes with an unbeaten team wasn't noticed on the field. They opened the season by clobbering Phoenix Union 28-0 and El Paso Irvin 29-14, then mowed down Catalina 41-6, Douglas 39-13, Pueblo 34-7 and Salpointe 41-13. They won their last four regular season games easily, dumping Sunnyside 35-7, Amphi 26-0, Rincon 40-7 and Palo Verde 38-13.

Crowds, as usual, flocked to Badger games - home or away. Over 4,000

watched their home opener with Phoenix Union; 4,500 attended the Catalina game, 8,000 attended the Pueblo clash, and 9,500 packed Salpointe's stadium as Tucson steam rolled their Catholic rivals. Four different games were broadcasted live on Radio KOLD, with veteran sports caster Ray McNally doing play-by-play.

Before taking the Tucson High job in 1956, Mallamo served as an assistant for one year at Phoenix Camelback. The former University of Arizona end coached football and baseball for five years at Buckeye.

In 1959 and 1960, his Badgers failed to get past the semifinals, losing first to Yuma 19-14, then Mesa 31-6. His top-rated club reached the finals in 1962, but was routed by Scottsdale Arcadia, 40-7.

Mallamo made his way to Arizona after graduating from Westwood High School in New Jersey. As a prepster, he was a three-sport letterman, playing end in football, center in basketball and the outfield in baseball.

He spent four years in the Army Air Corps and later graduated from the University of Arizona in 1947.

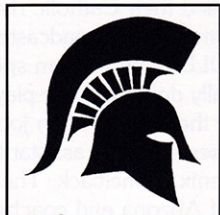
On January 22, 1987, John Mallamo died of a heart attack, at age 67.



Tucson's John Mallamo is carried off the field by Bill Dawson (right) and teammate Jerry Cota-Robles after win over Yuma.

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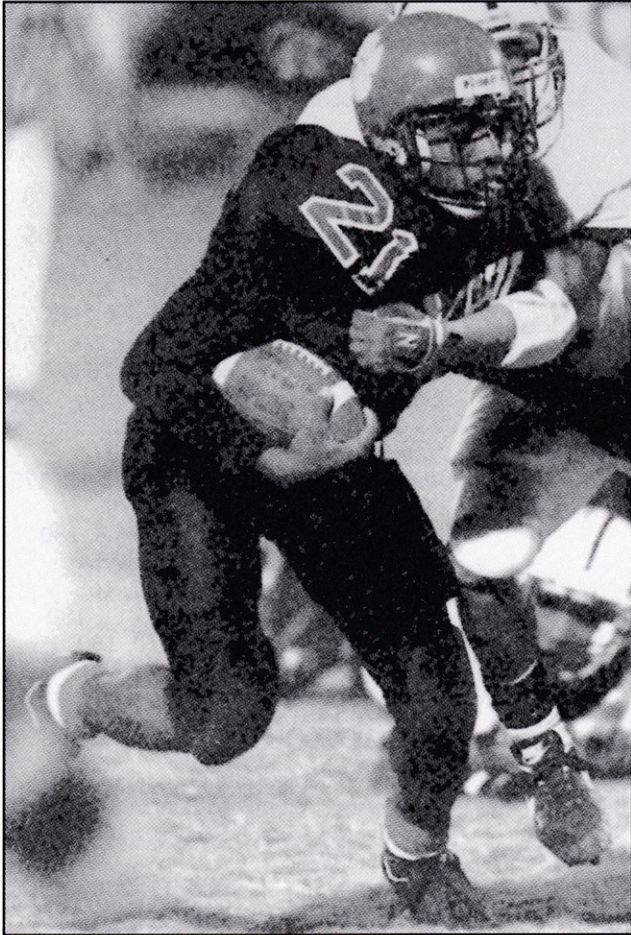
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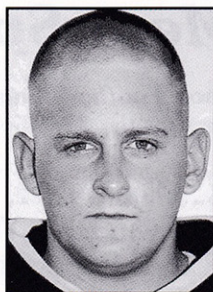
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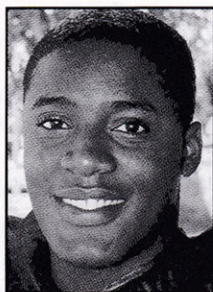
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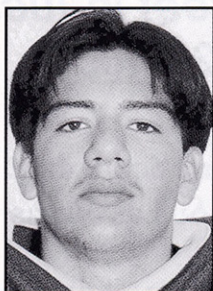
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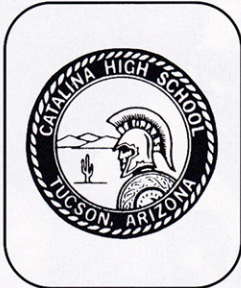
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Casa Grande fullback Stephen Trejo and his Cougar teammates move into the 5A Central Region this year (Casa Grande Dispatch photo by Oscar Perez).

Amphi, Sabino, Sahuarro Begin 1995 Campaign As League Favorites

On paper, it appears perennial powerhouses Amphi, Sabino and Sahuarro should win the 5A Southern, the 4A Sonoran and the 4A Kino, respectively. And Globe, San Manuel and Safford figure to battle for 3A South honors.

But, fortunately for us all, we don't settle these things on paper. Bring on the 1995 season!

5A SOUTHERN

"We're excited about this football season," says **AMPHITHEATER** head coach Vern Friedli. The Panthers return 20 lettermen from an 8-5 club that made a good run in the playoffs before bowing to St. Mary's in the state semifinals. Back from that squad is talented flyer Tamoni Joiner, a 5-11, 185-pounder who rushed for 1,142 yards during the 1994 regular season. Senior outside linebacker Adam McClellan (6-0, 190) is expected to anchor the defense. Friedli, who sports a sparkling 216-87-2 career record entering

the '95 campaign, is also counting on veterans like NG/DE Shontel Early (6-3, 235), WR/DB Walter Jefferson (5-10, 175), TE/DT George Arvizu (6-3, 230), junior RB/DB William Peterson (6-0, 170), TE/LB/P Dan Atkinson (5-10, 165) and OG Roland Gutierrez (5-10, 220) to push the Panthers in the right direction this fall. And with Joiner flashing his 4.5 speed on both sides of the football, Amphi figures to make Friday nights tough for the opposition.

A pair of seniors – RB/DB Alawnzo Brown (5-11, 182) and DL Brett Page (5-11, 205) – headline an excellent group of 26 returnees at **CANYON DEL ORO**. The Dorados, 6-5 a year ago, are hoping to take a serious run at region and state honors, after falling to Mesa, 34-14, in the first round of the '94 playoffs. In addition to Brown and Page, QB/DB Brad Wilford (6-3, 181) and WR/DB Mark Bejarano (5-8, 155) should provide most of the CDO passing attack on offense, while supplying half of the

secondary on defense. Big offensive lineman Shane Sholl (6-2, 228) is a good one too, while fellow seniors Alan Hyatt (6-2, 205) and Dennis Anderson (5-11, 185) should shine at linebacker and defensive end, respectively. Additional impact seniors include Tony Martinez, Edmondo Morales, Arsitotel Katzambasis, Robert Cox, Ben Brochu, Eric Coutts, Jason Milne, Jay Arbore, Jerry Livingston and Evan Leiber. Coach Rick Werbylo also has graduates from last year's 8-0 JV to push the veterans.

Head mentor Todd Mayfield should have his **TUCSON** Badgers in the hunt, especially if RB/DB Demetrius Purdie Williams has anything to say about it. Williams, a 6-0, 180-pound senior with 4.7 speed, was an all-city defensive back in '94. In fact, Mayfield (67-33-3 in his career at THS) has an ample supply of skill position players back from last year, namely FB/LB Eric Robison (6-0, 190), HB/LB Troy Jones (5-8, 170), QB Jimmy Gamboa (6-0, 160), WR/FS Paul

Lopez (5-8, 150) and DB Eric Ebert (5-10, 180). But the coach must fill both lines which have been depleted by graduation. Two-way performers Mario Acedo (6-2, 220) and Josh Camarena (6-0, 250) will be important factors in the trenches.

At **SALPOINTE**, coach Pat Welchert hopes his Lancers come out with fire in their eyes. True, Welchert and crew enjoyed a fine regular season, finishing with eight victories in ten attempts. But a 38-20 loss to Dobson in the first round of the playoffs put a painful end to 1994. What to expect from Salpointe in '95? Fourteen varsity veterans return. "We need to stay healthy," says Welchert. "We have great kids but not much depth." Watch for Kris Neal (6-1, 180) to pace the offense; he averaged an impressive 7.2 yards per carry from his running back position a year ago. Also in uniform are OL/DL Jason Kopydlowski (6-4, 240), OL/DL Josh Allen (6-3, 235), P/DB Keith Regina (5-11, 180) and FB/DB Dan Carrizosa (5-9, 156). The Lancers could be playoff material again this year.

There may be a gap between the first four teams in the 5A Southern and the next four. **BUENA** appears to have the best opportunity to break into the top four, thanks to the availability of 20 letterwinners from the '94 campaign. The Colts started last fall in good fashion, taking three wins in the first four weeks. Unfortunately, they dropped their last six contests. But this is a new year and standouts like punter John Chavez (5-9, 180) and lineman Josh Nicholls (6-5, 290) could guide Buena to a solid season.

SUNNYSIDE could field an interesting team in '95. After all, returning signal caller Olen Valdez connected on 169 of 281 attempts for a resounding 2,512 yards and 20 scores in '94. Improving on last fall's 4-6 ledger is this 6-0, 185-pound senior's primary challenge. Also worth noting are stalwart DB Gabe Santa Cruz (5-11, 180), RB/DB Ty Sutherland (5-10, 150), LB Matt Bencke (6-0, 185), OL/LB Carmine Leon (5-11, 220) and big DL Armando Cornidez (6-3, 265). Keep an eye on Valdez and friends as they make the jump back up to 5A competition.

Coach Jim Paul put together a good club at **NOGALES** a year ago. The Apaches were 7-4, just missing the playoffs. However, Paul won't see many familiar faces around to start this season; only eight lettermen are back. The coach is relying on seniors Robert Gallego (5-9, 165) and Erik De la Ossa (6-1, 265) to

lead. Gallego is a valuable two-way performer at quarterback and safety. De la Ossa will anchor a big line for Nogales, one that includes Juan Avila (6-4, 285) and Alan Ortega (6-1, 260). Other skill position players are HB/DB Gerritt Bake (6-2, 175), junior HB/LB Jason Brenner (6-0, 180) and TE/LB Mike Ellis (6-2, 175). The Apaches could definitely surprise again this time out.

Junior Shawn Quintero, a 5-9, 165-pounder, is the headliner at **PUEBLO**. He'll see action at both running back and linebacker. The Warriors will have a new coach at the helm as they shoot to improve on the 3-7 slate they compiled in '94.

5A CENTRAL

At **CASA GRANDE**, 25 lettermen from the school's best club since 1977 return. The Cougars lost a 40-37 quarterfinal game to Peoria in their last contest in the 4A ranks. This fall they move up to 5A. Two premier players from that 9-3 unit are back: WR Aaron Jones and FB/LB Stephen Trejo. Jones caught 57 passes for 1,024 yards. He's also the team's punter. Defensively, Trejo helped with 80 tackles, eight sacks, two fumbles and two pass interceptions. From the backfield he caught 26 passes for 494 yards and four TDs, rushed 79 times for 606 yards and 10 more scores. He totaled 93 points, second highest on the club. Speedy Kyle McEuen (5-9, 170) is a good receiver. Junior Richard Dill (5-7, 160) is a small but dangerous running back. Junior Scott Lenderman (6-0, 230) and Samuel Goodwin (6-0, 230) are good defensive linemen. Goodwin is the Cougars' center. Sauguan Albertain (6-1, 210) joins Trejo at linebacker.

Ten lettermen and a new coach open practice at **YUMA**, where Mitch Elspenger takes over a 1-9 club, last in the region. However, one key returnee is all-purpose back Dempsey Dees (5-11, 175), the top college prospect in town. With 4.5 speed Dees is a threat on every play. He can score from long distance. Last year he rushed for 1,200 yards and played in the secondary. Two-way lineman Jimmy Sanchez (6-3, 270) is the Criminals' best bet in the trenches. Big Tony Jackson (6-1, 235), just a junior, joins him. Josh Winder (6-1, 195) is the team's center. John Louser (5-10, 205) is a guard-linebacker. In fact, linebacking is the Crims' strength, with juniors Jimmy Carrillo (5-11, 210) and Gabe Marquez (5-11, 220) in the lineup. Marquez can

play fullback or tight end. Dees, Brian Parker and junior Tony Craig give Yuma a quick secondary.

5A EAST VALLEY

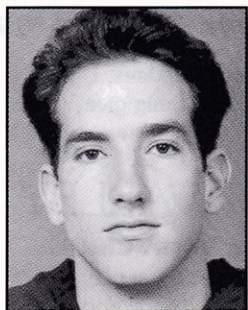
It was "almost" at **YUMA CIBOLA**. The Raiders almost made the playoffs. They move into a new league and Jeff Feldman has one dozen Raiders going with him. That group finished 5-5, and return two of the city's best players, WR/DB Ben Olivas (5-8, 175), who averaged 40.7 yards per punt, and two-way back Matt Pierce (6-0, 195). In fact, with Mannie Harris (5-10, 185) and Seth Kenney (5-9, 180) in the lineup, the Raiders' offensive backfield and secondary look solid. "We will have speed," says Feldman. But the line is young, starting with junior Jarrod Haggard (6-2, 260) and big Sam Jefferies (6-1, 250), just a sophomore. Cibola lost a good one when young linebacker Tyler Neinast transferred to Kofa High.

Speaking of **YUMA KOFA**, the Kings posted their first winning season in 12 years. But coach Louis Nightingale's forces finished on a down note and missed the playoffs. Fifteen players from that 6-4 club return, plus talented linebacker Tyler Neinast (6-2, 220), a transfer from rival Cibola. Best of the returning crop is Ryan Dhu (6-2, 190), one of the best quarterbacks in the region. Last fall he completed 67 of 150 passes for 1,273 yards and 12 TDs. Wideout Israel May (5-9, 170) is the go-to-guy. Little Denny Lachcik (5-8, 170) is the club's fullback. Richard Vidal (5-11, 190) doubles at center and nose guard. Cullum Smith (5-11, 210) joins newcomer Neinast at linebacker. Dallin Farar (6-3, 270) is a two-way tackle. The Kings have a great preseason schedule, including an away game at San Diego Castle Park and a home encounter with San Diego Bonita Vista.

4A SONORAN

The favorite in the 4A Sonoran has to be **SABINO**. The Sabercats are loaded. Returning from last year's 8-4 unit are 22 battle-tested performers from a team that advanced to the state quarterfinals before losing to Glendale Cactus. Members of an 8-0 junior varsity are also ready to contribute.

And they may need to. Senior quarterback Jeff Popovich broke his leg in three places in early May and he doesn't figure to be back by season's start. Coach



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Jeff Scurran calls Popovich "as good as we've had." So this is a major blow. The good news is that either sophomore Ryan Gaines (5-10, 150) or junior Brady Doe (6-0, 165) is plenty capable of doing the job until Popovich is back in action. But both are young and untested, so your best chance against Sabino in '95 might be to play them early. Popovich, a 5-11, 185-pound senior, should be one of the top field generals in southern Arizona.

How about the rest of the Cats? "We have an excellent cast of skilled athletes," says Scurran, "with a great JV team coming up. They have the best attitudes I've ever seen. We're academically sound and we have very good team speed." There are a number of honors candidates, including RB/DB Isaac Banks (5-11, 180), RB Derek Fleming (5-6, 165), TE/DE Danny Johnson (6-2, 205), OG/LB Scott Gardner (6-0, 195), OG/LB Mike Maguire (6-0, 225), RB/DB Steve Perry (5-9, 175), junior RB/DB Scott McCray (5-11, 180), junior C/DE Mark Delich (6-0, 210), WR Robert Gensler (5-11, 165), junior LB Matt Gorczyca (5-11, 225), WR/DB Andrew Greene (6-0, 170), DT Jarrett Limanni (6-2, 190), RB/DE Brian Linniman (6-2, 180), WR Tom Rios (5-8, 160), RB/DB John Young (5-11, 175) and junior RB/DT Fred Booker (5-11, 200). The Cats have an interesting early season contest in Connecticut against New Canaan High School.

Seventeen letterwinners are back for coach Wayne Jones at Marana **MOUNTAIN VIEW**, although the Mountain Lions must take the field without the talented Schmidtke brothers for the first time in five years (see Southern Arizona Record Section, pages 22-24). In fact, finding a replacement at quarterback is one of the keys to the 1995 campaign. The running game should be solid with the likes of seniors Shane Rogers (5-9, 165) and Brandon Nunn (5-10, 175) still in uniform. That tandem rushed for over 1,900 yards a year ago, as Mountain View won six times in 11 outings. Others to watch include senior DB Paul Riddle (5-11, 160), senior OT/DT Paul Schmidt (6-1, 240), junior C/DT Josh Corn (6-0, 230) and senior LB Bill Baca (5-9, 185).

Things could be on the upswing at **PALO VERDE**, where coach Bob Sicilian is hoping for "our best season in the 1990's." The Titans posted a steady 5-5 ledger last year and mammoth tackle Joe Aguirre (6-3, 300) is back to lead his teammates to even better results in '95. Aguirre won all-city honorable mention recognition last fall. Sicilian also expects his backfield of runners Raymond Govan (5-9, 160), junior Rodrick Walker (5-9, 160) and James Perry (5-9, 180) to gain big yardage. Govan and Walker have excellent speed; Perry is a talented inside rusher. The quarterback is Kelly Sparlin, a 6-2, 170-pound senior. Clay Bowman (5-

9, 170) is a fine receiver, while Chris Tompkins (6-0, 200) will assist Aguirre in the trenches. Seniors Arturo Tena (5-6, 160) and Tony Bullis (5-6, 205) should also help on both sides of the football.

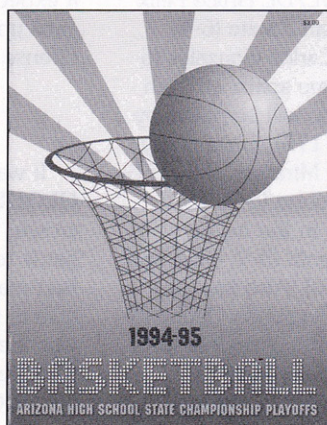
Work continues at **CATALINA FOOTHILLS**, as the Falcons fly into 4A Sonoran warfare for the first time. Last season, Foothills played an independent schedule. A handful of all-city honorable mention players – Mike Traher, Eddie Rhee, Jeff Shipley and Scott Lundwall – will spearhead a familiar group of returnees. In fact, everybody is back, since the newest school in Tucson hasn't had a graduating class yet.

The **CHOLLA** Chargers will have a new head coach in '95. But many of the football players on this team do have experience, including 22 who contributed to last year's 5-5 slate. In fact, there's a good mix of juniors and seniors ready to go, led by senior WR/DB Daniel Morales (6-3, 180), junior RB/DB Corey Smith (5-8, 170) and senior OL/DL Francisco Valencia (6-2, 225). Also watch for junior Jason Cole (6-0, 215), Nick Carrasco (6-0, 195), Rick Carrasco (6-1, 215) and David Yslava (6-0, 200) to anchor the lines. The man under the center is junior Ron Wadley, a fair-sized quarterback at 6-1 and 220 pounds. Juniors Taff Ross (5-11, 175) and Daryl Nixon (5-10, 165) are two of the quickest Chargers; both could contribute at running back and receiver, respectively.

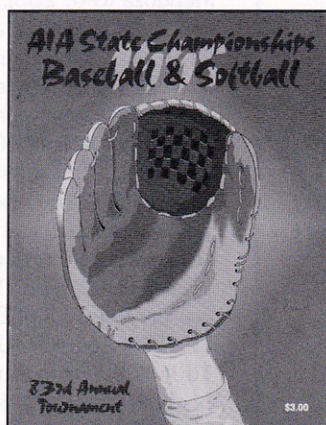
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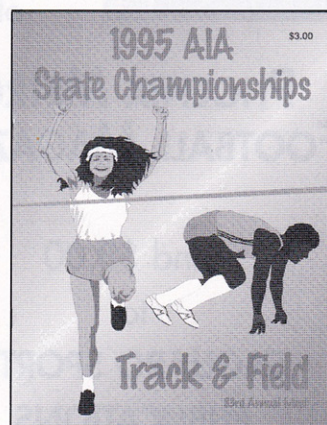
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RINCON will be looking to rebound from a tough 3-7 season in '94. The Rangers tallied only 81 points a year ago, so improvement in the offensive attack is certainly a priority. With 4.7 speed, RB/LB Panayiotis Proios (6-0, 210) is one of only ten returning regulars. He was an honorable mention all-city pick in '94.

4A KINO

How about those Cougars? Big things are happening at **SAHUARO**. Veteran coach Howard Breinig has retired after guiding his club into the 4A title contest the last two years. Two years ago, the Cougars fell to Mountain View. Last year, they tied Peoria for the crown. The new head man is Will Kreamer, who will welcome back 14 lettermen this fall. One thing should remain the same. Sahuaro will contend for both region and state recognition. Omar Bacon has moved on to the University of Utah, so defensive stopper Nate Georke could be this year's top player. Georke is a 6-0, 225-pound middle linebacker with a bright future. Also expected to shine are seniors Eric Combs (6-0, 180) and Danny DePasse (5-

9, 170), both of whom will see action at running back and cornerback. The quarterback figures to be Aaron Dumsch (6-3, 185), while junior Chris Spur (5-9, 160) and Larry Ruhf (6-1, 215) should be the primary receivers. "If we can come up with some replacements in the line," says Kremaer, "we could be in the hunt."

"That was one of my best teams ever," says **FLOWING WELLS** head coach John Kashner. "We had a chance to win it all." The Caballeros were super. They finished 10-2, topping Sunnyslope, 43-12, in the first round of the playoffs before losing a 31-28 heartbreaker to Highland in the quarterfinals. A dozen varsity players return, headed by standout TE/LB Shawn Sandoval, a 6-2, 205-pound senior with 4.8 speed. He's especially valuable on defense, which should be the strength of the team. Another notable is junior QB/DB John Kashner (5-11, 160). Heavy contributions are also anticipated from RB/DB Ryan Distel (6-0, 170), junior RB/LB Jeff Love (6-3, 205), OT/DT Mike Holland (6-1, 225), OT/DT Mark King (6-1, 205), junior OT/DT Jon Shute (6-1, 250), RB/LB Christian Marlar (5-9, 160), WR/DB Andrew Conrad (6-2, 175), PK Jason Garcia (5-8, 150) and WR/LB Edward Martinez (5-9, 160).

A year ago the Jaguars had little experience and a predictable 3-8 slate was the result. Now **DESERT VIEW** would like to get even for those eight losses. "Our kids have worked hard in the weight room," says coach Humberto Federico, "and we're looking forward to an excellent season." Leaders for the Jaguars should be big OL/DL Gabe Mendoza (6-0, 255), OL/DL Bruce Felix (5-11, 245) and TE Juan Zarate (6-4, 215). An even larger Carlos Gonzales (6-3, 305) will occupy some space on both lines. The running game will be paced by Kamin McDaniel (6-0, 175), junior Tony Pina (6-0, 205), Cesar Miranda (5-8, 155) and junior Mike Deboissoise (5-7, 150). The quarterback slot is in the hands of juniors Fernando Armenta (5-9, 170) and Wesley Bailey (5-8, 150). Also keep an eye on junior OL/LB Fernando Osuna (5-10, 190) and WR/LB Ray Armenta (5-8, 160). A big turnaround certainly is possible. Twenty lettermen return and members of a fine 8-2 JV are ready to go.

Good team speed will be on display at **MARANA** this year. Although coach Marty Honea returns just seven varsity veterans from last fall's 3-6-1 group, he expects the Tigers to break some big

plays in '95. If they do, more wins could be just around the corner. The flyers include RB Shawn Marshall (5-6, 175), WR Shad Bustamante (5-7, 155) and sophomore RB De Andre Masters (5-9, 180). Funny thing is the big guys in the trenches might be Marana's top players this year. Two-way stalwarts John Paul Leon (6-0, 230) and Cody Glover (6-3, 200) are all-league candidates and, despite their size, both possess excellent speed. Junior OG/LB Elan Young (5-11, 220) is also among the best of the Tigers.

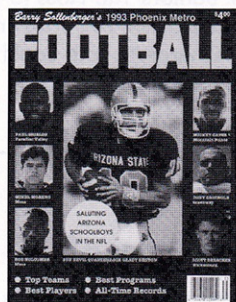
A new coach takes over at **SANTA RITA**, yet to be named at press time. He'll inherit 17 letterwinners from a solid outfit that finished the regular season with a 7-4 mark before dropping a 29-8 decision to Westview in the opening round of the playoffs. However, graduation claimed nearly every starter and a serious rebuilding job is certainly on the horizon. The Eagles could be dangerous though; Santa Rita has had a fine program over the years.

Junior linebacker Jimmy Rodriguez, an honorable mention all-league pick, is the headliner at **DOUGLAS**. The Bulldogs will begin 1995 with a new coach, since Ron Ellsworth stepped down after four years at the helm. Bouncing back from a dismal 0-10 campaign that produced only 32 points all year will be a difficult chore - to say the least.

CATALINA also suffered through a winless season in '94. In fact, the Trojans went 0-10 in '93, so any win would look awfully good right now. Big tackle Mike Sheats (6-7, 270) is plenty capable, as is junior TE/LB Daniel Linden (5-10, 170). But Catalina must improve on defense if it expects to find success. The Trojans gave up over 375 yards per game in total offense a year ago.

3A SOUTH

It was like the good old days at **GLOBE**. The Tigers won the 3A South crown, but dropped a first-round playoff game to Payson. Globe wound up 8-2, its best mark in years. In fact, the only Tiger club in recent history to rival that ledger was the 1990 bunch (7-4), coached by Paul Petty. Youth and size dot the roster. Junior QB Cammron Dowd (5-10, 170) runs the wishbone. He's fast. Two-way tackle Blake Livingood (6-8, 310) anchors the line. He's big. Two-way guard Chris Gonzales (6-2, 220) is just a junior. Big John Odonetto (6-4, 220) adds depth up front. Junior back Tim Cook (5-10, 155) also does the kicking. Halfback Jeb



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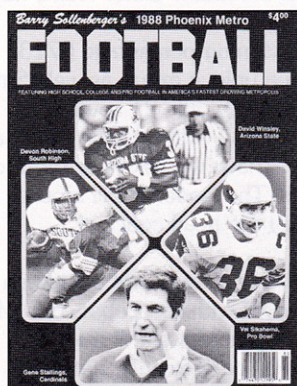
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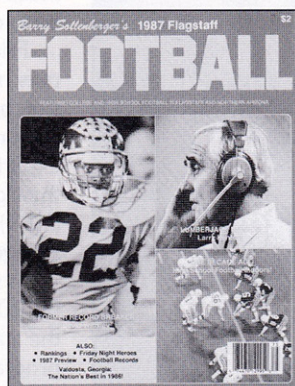
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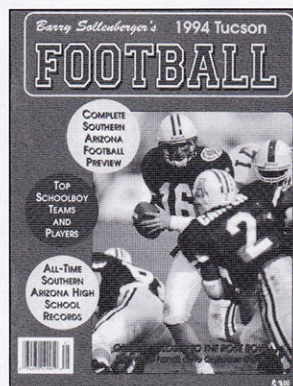
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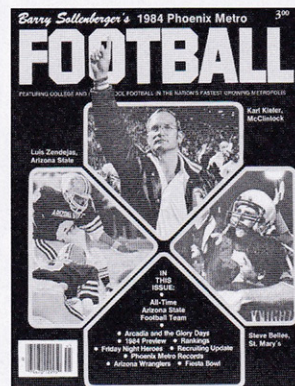
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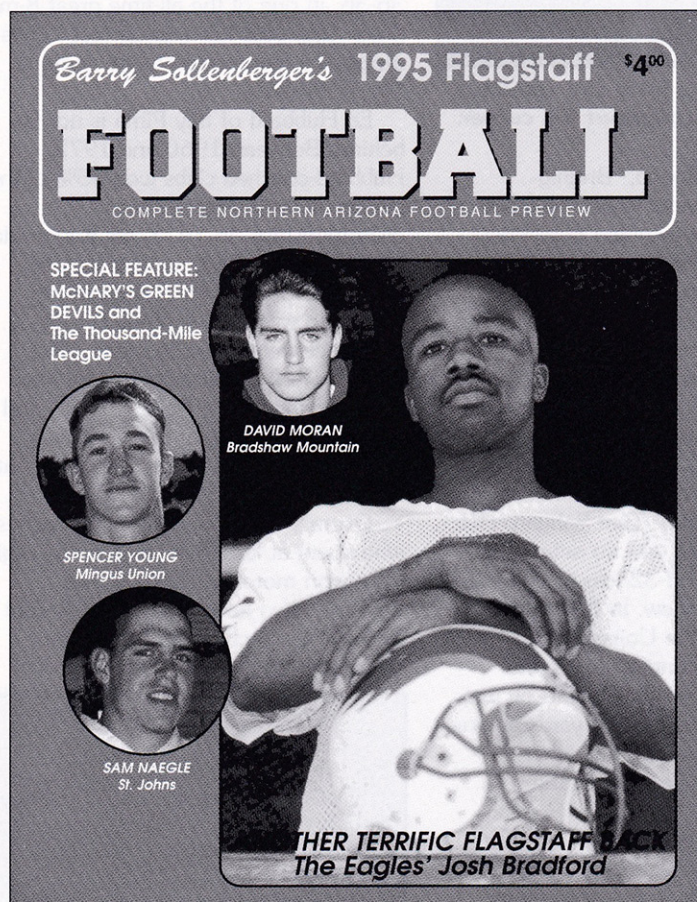
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Sahuaro's Breinig Goes Out a Co-Winner



Rolling on his back during a wrestling match, or coaching from the sidelines on Friday night, Howard Breinig was a crowd favorite throughout his career.

It went down to the wire. The 1994 Class 4A championship game. Held at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Sahuaro's underdog Cougars rallied in the final seconds to tie Peoria, 17-17.

Fortunately for football fans, it will be the last tie in the 4A ranks. The conference has junked it. Overtime title games are overdue. One year too late for the Cougars.

And one year too late for Howard Breinig. The long-time Sahuaro coach, who has been a fixture on the Tucson sports scene for years, has retired.

"It was just time for a change," he told the press last fall. "I've been in this business for a long time. I have no regrets. The players have been great."

In 1962, the 5-foot, 8-inch, 190-pound senior guard was co-captain of the University of Arizona football team. He was a graduate of Mt. Lebanon High in Pittsburgh, where he lettered in wrestling and football. He was short and stocky, but won the praise of Arizona head coach Jim LaRue with such glowing words as "best lineman I have ever coached, exceptional football player, great blocker, quick, strong, good speed, reacts well, real good."

Starting in 1972, when brand new Sahuaro High and his young varsity won the state wrestling crown, the former Wildcat lineman and his teams have been in the hunt. Including a three-year stint as

football coach at Rincon, Breinig-coached football teams went 118-53-4 on the field, for a .690 winning percentage.

Three of his clubs finished second at state. His 1985 Cougars dropped a 31-14 decision to Phoenix St. Mary's. In that game, wide receiver Steve Martin, later a football-baseball star at Arizona State, caught 12 passes for a 224 yards – both 5A title game records.

His 1991 squad, top-rated entering the finals, ran into an Agua Fria buzzsaw defense and fell, 28-0. That Sahuaro club finished 13-1. There was no defense in the 1993 finals, a 63-32 loss to unbeaten Marana Mountain View. In that wild contest, played at the University of Arizona, six 4A championship game records were set, including points by two teams (95) and most passing yards by one team (329 by Sahuaro). Four other Breinig-coached clubs reached the semifinals.

However, Breinig is just one of 15 Southern Arizona coaches who have won 100 or more games in the prep ranks (see chart). The list, compiled by the editors of *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*, includes all Arizona coaches who coached at least five years in Tucson or Southern Arizona.

The leader is current Tucson Amphi mentor Vern Friedli. With stints in Morenci and Casa Grande, the Panthers' head coach is 216-87-2 in the business,

one of the most impressive marks in the state. His 1979 club went 13-0 and beat Mesa in the 5A finals. Other teams have been close.

Friedli's winning percentage (.713) puts him in a unique group as well. Since statehood (1912), only 21 southern Arizona coaches – with at least five years experience – have won 70% or more of their games. The leader is Bill House (.889), today the head coach at Patagonia.

In nine years, House has posted an 80-10-1 record with the Lobos, one of the state's most successful 8-man programs. His back-to-back state championship clubs in 1987-88 helped win 27 games in a row. In the 1991 title game, his unbeaten squad tied Fredonia 36-36, in one of the all-time great 8-man finals. Last year his near-perfect Lobos dropped a first-round playoff game to Mayer, 70-24.

Ed Hubbard of tiny Pima is not far behind. Between 1960 and 1972, Hubbard-coached clubs won 85% of their games, including three state championships. In 1973, his Roughriders beat Seligman, 78-6, setting a state record for points in a championship game. So was their 487 yards rushing.

In fact, between 1961 and 1974, Pima football squads coached by Max Peck, Roger Smith, Dave Colborn and Hubbard won 86% of their games. Hubbard himself was an all-state end at the school in 1952.

Overall, only three different coaches who spent at least five years in the region have won more than 200 games. Ironically, two have coached at Amphi – Friedli, the coach he replaced, Jerry Loper, and the late Boone Jackson of

Total Wins

216...	Vern Friedli, Amphi	28 yrs.
212...	Jerry Loper, Amphi	30 yrs.
204...	Boone Jackson, Willcox	34 yrs.
171...	Paul Petty, Globe	29 yrs.
171...	Lou Farber, Pueblo	32 yrs.
163...	Truman Williamson, Buena	21 yrs.
143...	Ollie Mayfield, Tucson	20 yrs.
136...	Larry Hart, Flowing Wells	20 yrs.
132...	Jeff Scurran, Sabino	16 yrs.
126...	Jim Crawford, St. David	21 yrs.
124...	Dick Pottle, Safford	23 yrs.
118...	Howard Breinig, Sahuaro	15 yrs.
117...	Ed Doherty, Salpointe	16 yrs.
103...	Larry Delbridge, Coolidge	17 yrs.
102...	Lonnie Foster, Santa Cruz	16 yrs.

Willcox fame.

Loper today is the head coach at Chandler, located southeast of Phoenix. But the Wolves' mentor got his start in Southern Arizona, first at Antelope High in Wellton, then Amphitheater. In five years with the Panthers, Loper was 39-12-2, with his 1975 squad beating Phoenix Maryvale in the large school finals. Then he left for Mesa Westwood and was replaced by Friedli. Entering the 1995 campaign, Loper is 212-102-10 in the prep ranks.

Jackson, on the other hand, spent many years coaching in New Mexico and Texas. He is best known in the Grand Canyon State for his successful stints at Window Rock, Safford, Willcox and Bullhead City. His teams won 204 games, lost 71 and tied six. He died while still coaching at the Colorado River school in 1983.

Many of Arizona's most colorful and successful coaches have coached in Tucson. Pueblo High's Lou Farber, Tucson High's Ollie Mayfield and Salpointe's Ed Doherty all ended their careers in the Old Pueblo.

Farber, who started his career and won three state crowns in Rhode Island, guided the Warriors from 1955 to 1971, winning 171 games in the process. Known for his wild offensive formations, his 1961 club beat Phoenix St. Mary's 16-14 in the state finals, while his 1967 squad lost to the Knights, 34-22. The last game he coached was against a Mayfield-coached Tucson High team in the 1971 quarterfinals.

Mayfield coached for seven years in Nebraska before joining the Tucson High staff. He became the Badgers' head coach in 1967, replacing John Mallamo. Many sports historians claim Mayfield may have coached some of Arizona's all-time best clubs. Especially his nationally ranked state champs of 1970. That squad produced two *Parade All-Americans* (linebacker Marv Lewis & tackle Mike Dawson) and beat Phoenix Sunnyslope, 54-16 in the finals.

Mayfield's 1971 squad repeated as state champs, beating Tempe and their All-American quarterback Fred Mortensen, 20-14, in the finals. But it was Mayfield's 1968 club which gained praise as being the best to never reach the playoffs.

At the conclusion of regular season play, Tucson was 9-1 and ranked No. 1 in the state, even though an early season loss to Douglas kept them out of the playoffs. That Badger squad featured state

Winning Percentage (based on minimum five years coaching in Southern Arizona)

.889	...Bill House, Patagonia.....	9 yrs.
.852	...Ed Hubbard, Pima	10 yrs.
.784	...Bob Lorona, Hayden	5 yrs.
.775	...R.T. Gridley, Tucson	13 yrs.
.770	...Don Hawkins, Marana	5 yrs.
.769	...Jim Christensen, Antelope	5 yrs.
.768	...Jim Crawford, St. David	21 yrs.
.756	...Tom Shoemaker, Florence.....	11 yrs.
.750	...Jeff Scurran, Sabino	16 yrs.
.750	...Jake Rowden, Morenci.....	6 yrs.
.744	...Max Spilsbury, Bisbee	5 yrs.
.741	...Ed Doherty, Salpointe	16 yrs.
.731	...Glenn Wilson, Coolidge.....	6 yrs.
.724	...Boone Jackson, Willcox	34 yrs.
.722	...Ollie Mayfield, Tucson	20 yrs.
.713	...Vern Friedli, Amphi	28 yrs.
.707	...Jay Denton, Santa Cruz	11 yrs.
.707	...Lalo Serrano, Hayden.....	11 yrs.
.705	...Dick Pottle, Safford.....	23 yrs.
.702	...Sturgeon Cromer, Globe	6 yrs.

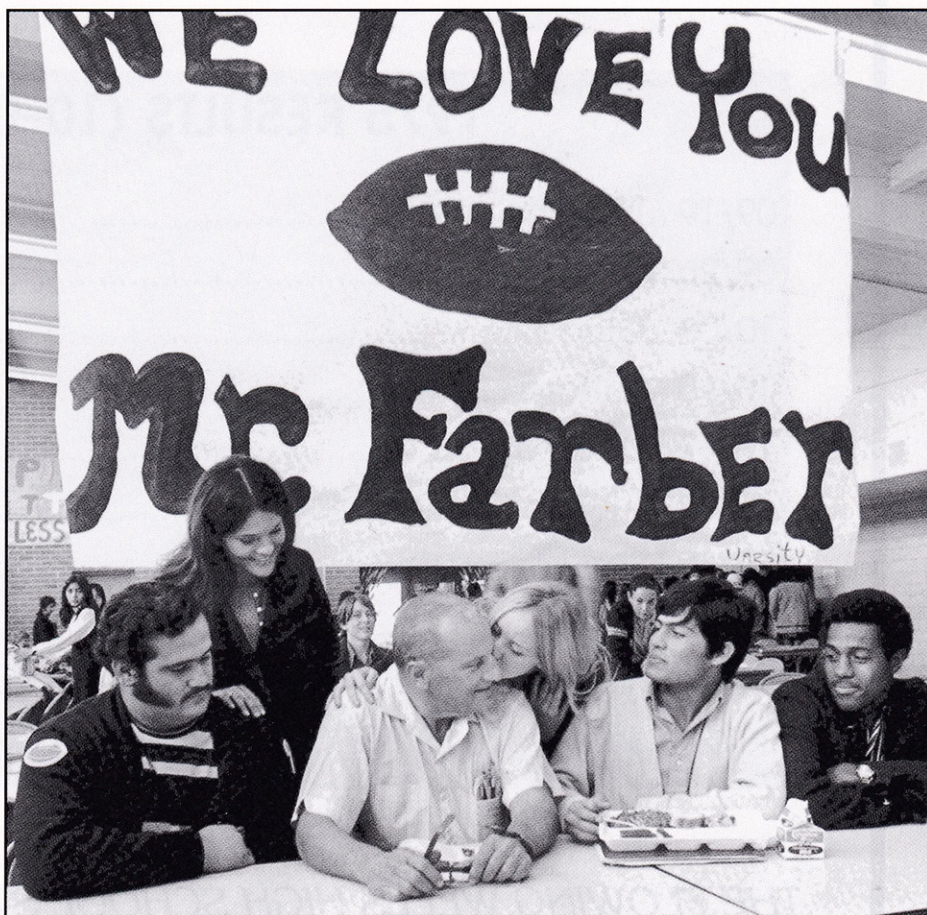
player of the year Joe Petroschus – an All-American halfback – plus tackle Richard Dotson, a future star at the University of Arizona, and a wealth of talented players.

It was the first and only time in

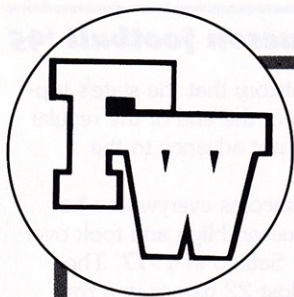
Arizona prep history that the state's top-ranked 5A club at the end of the regular season that did not advance to the playoffs.

Mayfield, a success everywhere he coached, left Tucson High and took over the program at Sabino in 1977. The Sabercats had lost 22 games in a row. Two years later they were in the quarterfinals. Mayfield is one of only two Tucson area coaches believed to have a winning record against Doherty. In three meetings, Mayfield-coached teams prevailed twice, both at Sabino. His only setback was at Tucson, when his 1969 club was spanked by Doherty's St. Mary's squad, 56-8, in the state semifinals.

Doherty also began his high school coaching career out-of-state, first in Massachusetts, then California. He was also a head college coach, at Rhode Island, Arizona and Arizona State. But it was at St. Mary's and Salpointe that Doherty gained fame in the Arizona prep ranks. After six years with the Knights and six with the Lancers, Doherty was 99-33-4 in the Cactus State, 117-41-5 overall.



When Tucson Pueblo's Lou Farber retired in 1971, grateful students showed their appreciation for his years of success (Arizona Daily Star photo).



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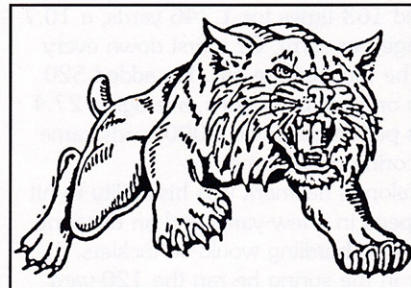
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Eloy's Rockets Blast Off!

On December 24, 1965, Christmas came early for Sun Devil football fans.

Art Malone and Paul Ray Powell, the football dandies of Santa Cruz Valley Union High School in Eloy, signed letters of intent to attend Arizona State University.

Sun Devil head coach Frank Kush signed the pair Wednesday night in Eloy, beating out schools like Nebraska and UCLA in the recruiting war.

"So far as I'm concerned," ASU backfield coach Paul Kemp said, "In my eight years here, these are two of the finest prospects to come off the same ball club. We feel both boys have the tools and ability to do a good job. It's up to them how far they go."

They went far.

Malone and Powell co-captained an Eloy team that won all 12 games, beating Peoria 27-7 in the finals. During the play-offs, the Dust Devils averaged 41.5 points per game - an Arizona record for all classes. The two all-stars scored 300 of their team's 512 points and produced 3,176 offensive yards.

Malone, nicknamed "The Eloy Rocket," was the statistical giant of the season. He scored 37 touchdowns and 222 points, both single season state records. He scored six TDs in one game, a 64-14 win over Coolidge, and five TDs twice. First in a 67-0 shutout of Willcox, followed by a 53-13 rout of Hayden, where he rushed for a school record 299 yards.

The 6-0, 187-pound speedster, playing deep back in Lonnie Foster's I-formation, rushed 163 times for 1,746 yards, a 10.7 average per carry. Or a first down every time he touched the ball. He added 520 yards on pass receptions, averaging 27.4 yards per catch. Over 1,000 yards came on scoring plays alone.

Malone's hallmark was his ability to hit full speed in a few yards and an uncanny success at hurdling would-be tacklers. Later in the spring he ran the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.0 seconds, and broke the state record in the 180-low hurdles with an 18.8 clocking.

Powell, 5-11, 188 pounds, gained 910 yards on offense. He scored 13 touchdowns despite missing the middle month of the season because of a cracked collarbone. "He was our best defensive player," said Foster. Powell, like Malone, starred in other sports. He averaged over



Against Coolidge, Malone scored six touchdowns and rushed for 239 yards (Casa Grande Dispatch).

20 points as a guard in basketball, and was rated a top college baseball prospect.

Still, it takes more than two players to win a state championship, at any level. Joining Malone and Powell on the Class A all-state team was quarterback Harold Foote, end Les Rankin, guard Bill White and junior tackle Bruce Martan. Junior place kicker Albert Jackson booted a school record 48 extra points.

In the 1966 North-South All-Star game in Flagstaff, Malone blitzed a North defense made up mostly of players from larger schools for 212 yards. He later was an all-star fullback for Kush at Arizona State, and had a successful career in the NFL in Atlanta and Philadelphia. Teammate Powell started in A-State's secondary, and was a member of the Sun Devils' 1969 NCAA championship baseball team. He later played pro baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Located south of Casa Grande, halfway between Phoenix and Tucson, Eloy is one of many small Arizona towns flanking Interstate 10.

Blink and you'll miss it.

But if you coached college football, especially between 1958 and 1990, you didn't bypass Eloy. It was a popular place to stop.

"The first coach we sent down there was 'Bake' (former ASU assistant Don Baker)," said Kush in 1978. "He came back and said, 'Hell, there's a back down

there better than anything we've seen in Phoenix since we got here."

That back was Malone.

Eloy's win over Peoria was the school's first state championship, but it wasn't its last. Many have followed. Lots of Malones have worn the Silver & Red. And lots of Cades. And lots of Butlers.

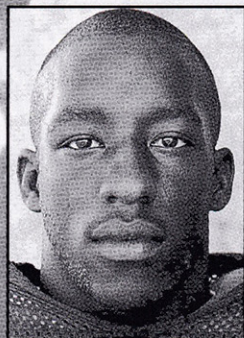
Malones like Benny, Jimmy, James and Felton kept Santa Cruz football on the map. By the time Cade brothers Mike and Mossy graduated, the football fields in Pinal County were in shambles.

The 1978 Class A finals in Tucson, played at Amphitheater High School, was one of the most historic games in Arizona history. During a 40-36 Dust Devil win over Willcox - the lead changed hands 11 times - Mike Cade rushed for 299 yards and scored six touchdowns.

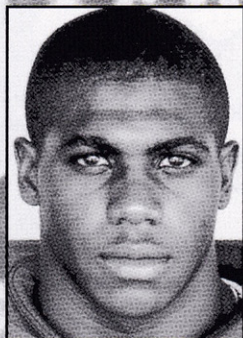
Still, some fans in Eloy label the Jay Denton-coached Devils of 1990 as the school's best backfield. Quarterback Ray Hornsby and running backs Kevin Butler, Eddie Cade and Joe Cade made up a wishbone backfield simply out of its league.

As a team, the Devils seventh state championship club posted six shutouts, averaged 34.5 points in 13 games, rushed for 4,446 yards and managed 5,292 yards total offense. In the playoffs, they averaged 40.0 points per game, and beat an undefeated Superior club 33-7 in the finals.

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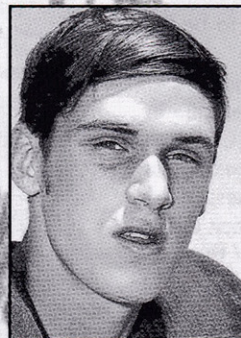
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1951.....Hadley Hicks, Bisbee
1950.....Don Beasley, Mesa
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1948.....Gib Dawson, Douglas
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WHIZZER WHITE, a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.

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Last Cheer for the Coyotes

It would be the mighty Coyotes last state championship in football. Who would have guessed it? They were on the verge of winning No. 25, a national record at the time. They would come close in later years. But it was to be the school's last.

Entering the 1955 campaign, Phoenix Union was Arizona's top-ranked club in the old Class AA Conference. Coached by Sam Winningham, the defending state champs returned a treasure chest of talent, starting with all-state fullback George Greathouse, the state player of the year in '54.

But like all defending champs, the trip down championship lane was to be a rocky one. Going back-to-back was no picnic. Not even for this team.

First, an eligibility ruling by the Arizona Interscholastic Association took place in order for Greathouse to play. He got married in the off-season. Then the injury bug struck. Several key Coyotes missed a game or two.

But the season started with a bang. Over 9,000 showed up at Montgomery Stadium to watch Winningham's crew strut its stuff. In the form of a 33-6 rout of neighbor St. Mary's. Greathouse scored three times. Jack Wing and Dave Hibbert scored once. Jon Conner, later a basketball star at the University of Arizona, booted three extra points. The Coyotes were riding high.

Then disaster struck. In the form of the South Mountain Rebels, as they were called in those days. On September 30, this young club, coached by young Tom "Shanty" Hogan, stopped Greathouse in his tracks. Final score: South 14, Union 13.

The *Arizona Republic* called it "the most crushing high school upset in Arizona since last-running Glendale blackened North High's title hopes in 1951."

Like true champions, the Coyotes regrouped. Greathouse & Co. would not play in a losing game the rest of the season. Well, sort of.

Furious over their defeat the week before, the determined Coyotes waded into Yuma and clobbered the potentially strong Crimminals, 35-0. Yuma, which would finish second to the Coyotes in the AA Conference, was completely stymied. The Pack, headed by quarterback Dave Hibbert, revealed a new passing attack. Replacing the injured Robert Fields, Hibbert broke the game open with sharp



George Greathouse starts a 94-yard touchdown run against West High (Phoenix Gazette photo).

passes to Darnel Haney and Delbert Hodge. Greathouse scored twice and threw a touchdown pass to Hodge. Syl Mabry ran 69 yards for a score. The Crimminals were simply outmatched.

Then San Diego Helix and Santa Barbara came to town. Both were glad to head back to the Golden State. The undefeated Highlanders fell 39-2 after an evening of demoralizing runs, kicks and hard knocks from the rugged Pack.

Then Santa Barbara, who had humbled previous Coyote teams more times than the local fans could remember, bit the dust, 14-0. "Greathouse is a great runner," said the Dons' head coach, Lou Tsoutsouvak.

Taming Tucson's Badgers 26-6, the Coyotes kept possession of the Siegel Memorial Trophy. Game highlight was 6-foot, 5-inch Sumner Smith snatching a Badger fumble and going 36 yards for a score.

Unpredictable Mesa was next. The 13-7 score was identical to the '54 contest. Greathouse performed superbly in the thriller, played before 5,000 fans at Jackrabbit Stadium in Mesa. Dick Borden was outstanding on defense.

A true team effort was credited with the 28-0 victory over the city's newest school, West High. The Coyotes struck early, with Greathouse going 94 yards from scrimmage and Hibbert hitting the

6-foot, 7-inch Haney with an important scoring strike.

Saturday afternoon, on the University of Arizona's turf, the Pack ground Amphitheater into the dust, 34-0. Greathouse scored three times, a four-yarder late in the game the last of his illustrious career.

Then, on Thanksgiving Day, the favored Pack fought to a 7-7 tie with North High. The Coyotes scored first on a 21 yard Hibbert-to-Hodge pass in the second quarter. Conner booted his 26th and last extra point. Late in the game, North defenders grabbed a Greathouse fumble to tie the score. Over 9,000 screaming fans stood to the end.

Mustang fans went wild. Throughout the game the Pack had trouble with Allen Sandell, to say the least. "Sandell is a great football player," said Mustang mentor Cecil Coleman. "He is one of the best linebackers in the state."

The Coyotes finished the '55 campaign 8-1-1 and on top of the AA Conference. There was no playoff system for Arizona's high schools then. In AA, none was needed yet.

Greathouse finished his career at both Phoenix Carver and Phoenix Union with 4,551 career rushing yards, 63 career touchdowns and 383 career points.

Ironically, both schools are closed today.

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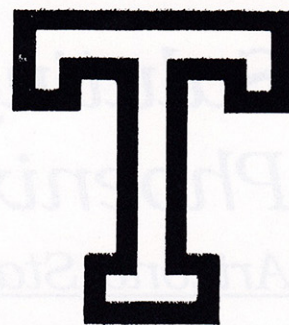
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Tucson High School's Record Run

By Skip Bryant

When they mauled the Yuma Criminals 41-13 in 1942 to wrap up a 7-2 season, the Tucson High Badgers could only think of what might have been.

After sweeping to six straight wins, they hit the skids, dropping seven-and six-point decisions to Phoenix Union and Santa Barbara, California. They settled for a one-third interest in the mythical "big school" football title with Union and Phoenix North.

Coaches are fond of saying that a season ending victory provides momentum going into the next campaign. As it turned out, "momentum" from that victory went further than just the next season.

What it really turned out to be was the start of what still remains "The Streak" in Tucson prep football history, an unbeaten, untied run that lasted over three seasons and encompassed 32 games.

Perhaps anticipating the advent of "Doc" Blanchard and Glen Davis at West Point, the Badgers rolled through nine straight foes in 1943, with a "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside" backfield of Wrenferd Tackett and Fred Batiste.

Generally rated as the best of the three teams, the 1944 squad was seldom tested, powering to 11 straight victories, winning by an average margin of 24 points, to up the streak tally at 21 in-a-row.

The question as the 1945 season opened was, "Could the Badgers keep the string going as it prepared to tackle another 11 game slate, one that featured El Paso Austin Texas?"

When Rollin T. Gridley looked out at his squad that first practice day, 50 years ago this fall, he found only one returning starter, left end Art Pacheco. And while the Badgers pushed the string to 22-straight with a 15-0 victory over Phoenix Union, it proved to be costly. Triple threat quarterback Lee "Legs" Carey injured his wrist, sidelining him for five weeks.

Gridley, who today still resides in Tucson and is 91-years young, needed to find someone to take over at quarterback in his "T" attack, an offensive formation he adopted in 1944.



Ironically, a broken hand sidelined junior Lee "Legs" Carey for five weeks.

His choice was Frank Borman, later renowned as one of the astronauts who made the 1968 Apollo-8 Christmas season moon fly around; forerunner to the first landing on the moon.

"Frank couldn't pass but he was a team leader," Gridley now says with a laugh. "I'd tell him to pass but throw it out of bounds."

"I think I only threw two or three passes the whole year and they all were incomplete," said Borman recently, also laughing. "But I never had one intercepted."

The key to the whole thing (winning streak) was Gridley," Borman says. "He maybe was the most important figure in all our lives. He was a very powerful man."

"We had two great players on that squad in Lee Carey and Oscar Carrillo," says Tom Fridena, the team's starting center. "I think both of them could play today. We also had two very good players in Art Pacheco and Joe Kelly. The rest of us were a bunch of oddballs."

"We played great defense. In fact it was the strongest defensive team of the three. It was a team that played with a lot

of emotion. We were undersized and underweight, but we thought we could whip people. We were just a bunch of overachievers."

Seven teams, including the first five foes, were blanked. And Mesa, featuring the great Wilford "Whizzer" White, netted just 70 and 31 yards rushing in two games.

With Borman now at the helm, the Badgers rolled on, edging Austin 12-0, St. Mary's 20-0, Bisbee 32-0, and North 21-0, setting the stage for the first of two meetings with Mesa.

In a battle of unbeaten, before a Tucson city record high school crowd of 13,000 at the University of Arizona, Carrillo and Cay Morrison tallied first half touchdowns and the Badgers survived a Gail Pew to White touchdown pass for a 14-7 victory.

St. Mary's was thumped again, 17-0. Carey returned and Douglas was stopped, 28-6. In a rematch with Phoenix Union, Carey scored on a 90 yard kickoff return, a 51 yard punt return and a 52 yard sprint in a 35-7 Badger triumph.

Two tough games remained. The Badgers wore down Glendale 25-13, and then traveled to Mesa where an overflow crowd of 7,500 looked on.

Nils Johansson staked the Badgers to a 3-0 lead with a short field goal. Then, after the defense held Mesa twice deep in Badger territory, Carrillo got away on a 17 yard run to seal a 9-0 victory. Tucson sports writer Bill Nixon called it, "The toughest win for Tucson during its three year 32-victory span."

"That team had a very good line, both offensively and defensively," Gridley evaluated. "Because of that line we were able to run the ball successfully, even though people knew we couldn't throw."

One year later the streak came to a close on opening day. Austin High got an early touchdown and held Carey at its one yard line for a 7-0 victory in El Paso. After winning or sharing the mythical state crown for four years, the Badgers saw that go north to Mesa. To this day, the 32 consecutive wins still stands as a state record for Class 5A schools.

Fifty years later.

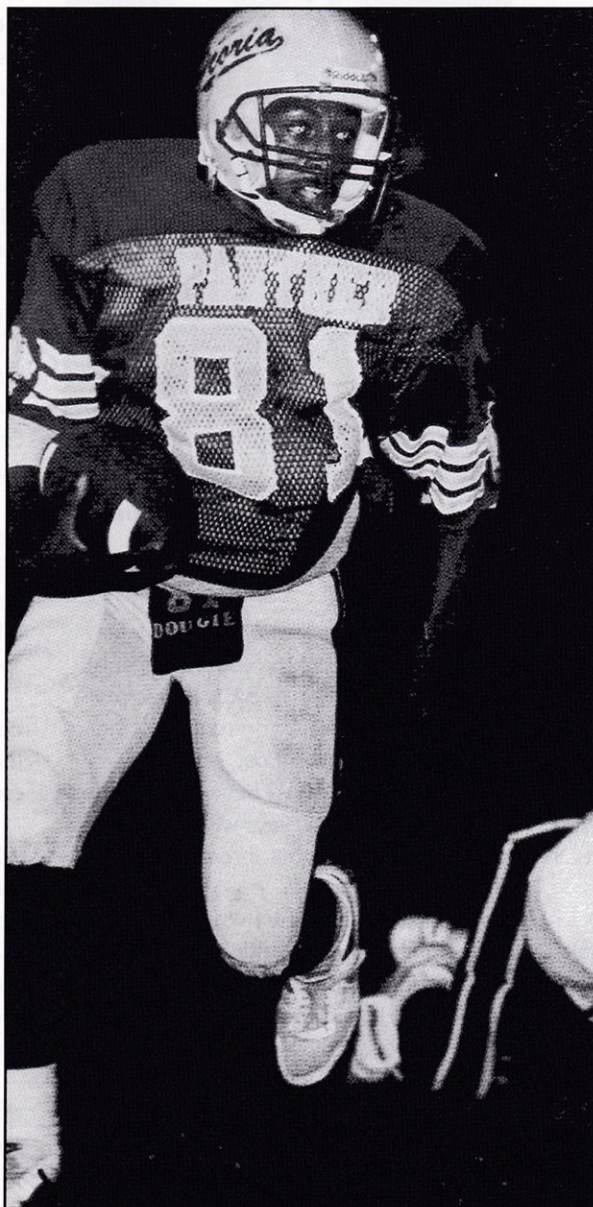


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Last year, former Peoria all-state receiver Eric Guliford (above) played with the NFL Minnesota Vikings.

1972.....DON WOODS
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.....Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)
1964.....BILL SORCINELLI
.....Phoenix Camelback
1963.....BOB WALLACE
.....South Mountain
1962.....FRED CARR
.....Phoenix Union (jr)
1961.....WILLIE NASH
.....McNary (6-man)
1960.....MORRISON WARREN
.....South Mountain
1959.....ANDY STOGLIN
.....Phoenix Union
1958.....GEORGE HEARD
.....South Mountain
1957.....STEVE VAUGHN
.....Phoenix North
1956.....GORDON SMITH
.....Phoenix West
1955.....WILLIE PEETE
.....Mesa
1954.....BEN ANDERSON
.....Phoenix North
1953.....CHARLES CHRISTOPHER
.....Phoenix Carver
1952.....JACK STOVALL
.....Phoenix St. Mary's
1951.....BOB BLACK
.....Phoenix Union

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Damolin (6-0, 170) and FB Shelby Greenwall (5-8, 188) make up the 'bone. Junior Anson Sneezy (5-10, 202) is the Tigers' best linebacker.

At **SAN MANUEL**, Mike Brown's club lost three close games, including a 22-6 first round playoff contest to Winslow. With most of the line back, plus good skill players from a promising JV unit, the Miners' good fortunes should continue. "If our backs and receivers play well, we will be tough to beat," says Brown, whose line will average 230 pounds. All-league tackle Kino Martinez (6-3, 245) is the club's best defender. Two-way guard Roy Romero (6-0, 230) and LB/OL Eddie Campa (5-11, 200) are game tested. Campa, along with Miguel Dominguez (6-3, 235), Lance Hurley (6-3, 220) and Brian McGinnis (6-2, 220) give San Manuel the biggest linebacking crop in the league. Tackle Fred Bayze (6-1, 245) does the kicking. And those backs? The key may be Matt Hughey (6-2, 160), who passed for 2,050 yards in eight JV games. With 4.6 speed, TB Marcos Nieto (5-10, 170) is the fastest Miner in camp. Two-way backs Robert Salazar (5-10, 150) and Bob Jennings (6-0, 180) were all-league picks. Jennings is the team's punter.

Only eight returning seniors (six starters) are expected back at **SAFFORD**, so the younger players will have to learn fast and pick up the slack. "We had a great season for what was expected when we began," says veteran Ken Guzik, whose club finished 8-2 after falling to Snowflake in the playoffs. Junior Jerry Whitmire (5-11, 165, 4.6) rushed for more than 900 yards, and as he goes, so goes the Bulldogs' Wing-T. On defense, MLB Cameron Tregaskes (6-2, 205) returns. Also an end, he was selected all-region as a punter. Defensive end Ron Nunley (6-2, 190, 4.8) also plays fullback. So does Jason Nelson (5-10, 180). Two-way linemen Frank Ozeta (6-0, 220), Brad Reynolds (5-10, 175) and Chad McBride (5-8, 170) are good players. So is junior Steven Romero, at 5-7, 135 pounds the smallest back in the league.

It was an up-and-down year at **COOLIDGE**, but a 5-5 season got the Bears into the playoffs, and Larry Delbridge 100 wins. Since 1978, the former Arizona State linebacker is 103-70-2 in the ranks - all at Coolidge. "We have a good nucleus coming back," he says. "But we must develop a quarterback." Finding a fullback won't be a problem. That slot is locked up, with 6-0, 250 pound Chris Peace returning. He

also starts in the defensive line. Little Fabian White (5-9, 160) might be the QB, with 4.6 speed and a good arm. Speedy Chris Sheet (5-11, 175, 4.6) doubles at wideout and deep back, positions he shares with Kevin Davis (5-8, 160) and K.K. Luna (5-9, 150). Peace has company on the defensive line with Andrew Siqueros (6-0, 205), Teddy Henry (6-0, 215), Barney Enos (5-11, 235), Matt Mayo (5-11, 230) and Adrian Hernandez (6-0, 170) in the lineup. Godfrey Nish (5-11, 185) is an experienced two-way end.

Twenty returning players should help **MIAMI** rebound from a 1-8 season. Quarterback Ronald Rocha (5-11, 175) runs the option well. Junior Mark Burnham (5-10, 150) is a solid back. Wideout John Rittenbach (5-10, 165) is a top-flight defensive end.

Over at **SANTA CRUZ**, John Batina returns only five Dust Devils, but help could arrive from a 6-3 JV unit. The performance of both lines will make or break the season. In Jesse Salazar (5-10, 185) and Ruben Ibarra (5-5, 150), Batina has two tough running backs. Salazar could be one of the league's best linebackers. Carlos Gutierrez (5-10, 200) and Fernando Ruiz (5-4, 185) are short, stocky linemen. Sophomore WR/DB Reggie Neal (5-7, 125) is the club's fastest player. Junior quarterback T.J. Gant (6-1, 185) runs the I-formation. Classmate Chris Smith (5-10, 185) is a good two-way back, but also plays linebacker.

Running back Clayton Cox (5-11, 175) is the only high profile player returning from a **BISBEE** club which won only one game. Plus, the Pumas enter the 3A ranks with a new coach, so the future is uncertain. With 4.9 speed, Cox is also a good defensive end.

SAHUARITA hopes to move up from a last-place finish in the league, and 16 lettermen might do the job. Young Fabian Flores (6-0, 170) was the only 10th grader on the roster. Tackle Tavo Blanco (6-0, 235) looks like the biggest Mustang in camp. Back Adam Jacob (5-7, 140) is the smallest.

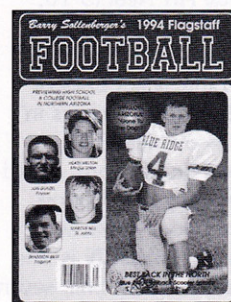
3A EAST

Richard Gray, formerly the head coach at Gilbert High, takes over the reins at **ARIZONA BOYS RANCH**, located south of Gilbert, near Queen Creek. Gray replaces interim coach Ray Perkins, who led the Spartans to a 4-5 record in their inaugural season as an associate member of the A.I.A. This year "The Ranch" plays

for keeps. Fifteen lettermen, including the heart of the offense, return. Quarterback Shaune McKissic (5-9, 160) played in all nine games. Tailback Cory Cabell (5-8, 175, 4.6) gained over 1,000 yards. He'll be pushed by speedster Rashid McNeal (5-9, 170, 4.6), a good 100 and 200-meter man in track. Running backs Andre Hughes (5-8, 190) and Loyd Peters (5-10, 175) are back. Tackle Obadiah Breer (5-10, 220) is a key returning lineman. But the heart and soul of the defense will be linebacker Nifty Wilson (6-3, 203), along with 'backers Tamar Armstrong (6-1, 210) and Mike Miller (6-0, 200). Safety Juan Sparkman (5-8, 160) and corner Chris McGee (5-11, 160) return. Sophomore Cody Jeffries (6-0, 210) could start at center.

2A CENTRAL

SUPERIOR returns a solid group of linemen, to say the least. All-Staters Ralph Frias (6-4, 287) and Paul Madueno (6-1, 228) are two of the best in the region. Wingback Jason Gonzales (5-9, 168) averaged 22.3 yards per catch. Junior Nathan Duarte (5-10, 175) joins Gonzales in the Panthers' secondary.



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Little George Martinez (5-7, 150) could start at QB. Omar Apodaca (5-9, 163) is a two-way back. Junior Manuel San Miguel (5-10, 206) is the club's center. Arturo Peralta (5-8, 194) and Luis Navarro (5-10, 232) flank him. Coach Tom Joseph watched his young club win two playoff games, including a 26-24 upset of Phoenix Christian, before dropping a 49-31 decision to state champ St. Johns. The Decade of the '90s has been good to Superior, with two state runnerups and a semifinal appearance.

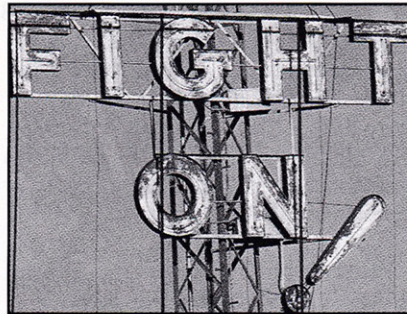
KEARNY RAY returns a good nucleus - 20 lettermen to be exact - from a below average club. Youth took its toll, but those players are now game tested. A big, solid backfield, with halfbacks Randy Cordova (5-10, 204) and Chris Cude (6-1, 175), join hard running fullback Bobby Meza (5-10, 245). Cody Rose (6-1, 185) should be the QB, while Stanley Russell (5-10, 167) is a good place kicker. Paul Berumen (5-8, 232) and junior Jared McCarn (6-2, 180) are experienced defensive linemen. Cude and Berumen were honorable mention all-staters.

At **FLORENCE**, coach Mike Wright looks to compete for the conference crown. He returns 20 letterwinners from a 4-6 club which lost to Morenci in a playoff game. Speedy Art Neal (5-10, 170, 4.6) rushed for 815 yards. Frank Jimenez (6-2, 190) passed for 1,300 yards and 11 TDs. Linebacker Dwight Hawkins (5-9, 160) led the Gophers in tackles and fumble recoveries. Rick Tipton (5-9, 160) is a quick guard. David Johnson (5-8, 150) and junior Clifton Jones (6-1, 160) are two-way backs.

With 140 students, **HAYDEN** is one of Class 2A's smallest schools. Still, seven starters - all linemen - give the season a bright look, starting with all-league tackle Manny Armenta (5-10, 220). He recorded 31 solo tackles, 17 assists. J.D. Romero (6-0, 240) and junior Randy Ortega (6-5, 275) totaled over 40 tackles. Little Adolfo Garcia (5-7, 165) is the Lobos' quickest lineman. Derek Lagunas (6-2, 230) has recovered from a broken wrist. Preston Guzman, Reggie Marquez, Tommy Renteria, Ace Ramos and Danny Manriquez start at the skill positions.

At **QUEEN CREEK**, the Bulldogs are looking for more wins and a new coach. Only 16 players return, but three are up for postseason honors: fullback Justin Hawley (6-0, 185) rushed for 1,017 yards and a 6.7 average per carry; John Bolton (6-4, 185) returns at quarterback and should be able to connect with Dallas Ence (6-2, 180), the 'Dogs big play

ALL-TIME ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL VICTORIES



Wins	School	Years
539	.....Mesa.....	1920-94
483	.....Tucson.....	1912-94
441	.....Safford.....	1925-94
411	.....Winslow.....	1915-94
403	.....Phoenix St. Mary's.....	1938-94
398	.....Round Valley.....	1921-94
389	.....Gilbert.....	1923-94
387	.....Douglas.....	1906-94
373	.....Flagstaff.....	1923-94
366	.....Snowflake.....	1929-94
359	.....Miami.....	1923-93
353	.....Phoenix Union.....	1913-81
341	.....Tempe.....	1924-94
341	.....Tucson Amphi.....	1939-94
332	.....Peoria.....	1933-94
314	.....Globe.....	1924-94

receiver. Junior Greg Leach (6-3, 275) is a promising two-way tackle. In fact, the junior class looks very impressive, including OG/NG Frank Metzger, OG/NG Brian Hindmarch and TB/DB Tydon Pace. The junior varsity finished unbeaten a year ago.

2A EAST

THATCHER is "top dog" in this region. Since 1988, Ed Shamey's forces have finished 11-2 (state champs), 9-4, 9-3, 9-2, 5-4, 9-2 and 6-4, a playoff loss to Superior ending last year's campaign. "We did better than expected," says Shamey, the Eagles' off-and-on mentor since 1974. Center Ladd Mullenau (6-0, 190), DL Jared Rasmussen (6-3, 185), LB Eric Haller (6-0, 180) and punter Shawn Nielson (6-0, 150) are four of the best in the league. Little receivers Sam Romero (5-6, 136) and Jimmy Maldonado (5-8, 140) also start in the secondary. Quarterback Trae Morris (5-11, 150) is the Eagles' signal caller. Ryan Smith (5-

11, 150) and Jeff Welker are two-way backs. Ryan Hooper (6-1, 175) is a two-way lineman.

Although **WILLCOX** and its young Wing-T rode through a 4-5 campaign, it reached the playoffs, then dropped a 21-14 contest to Tempe Valley Christian. "We were very young last year," says Mike Patterson, whose club finished 4-6. "We played well on defense, but inexperience showed on offense." Still, junior John Hancock (6-4, 177) returns at quarterback. Troy Byrd (6-1, 195) is a top-notch linebacker (132 tackles). Marcus Lopez and Chris Burkhead, both 5-10, 170-pounders, are two-way backs. Center Shane Bethel (6-2, 200), guard Matt Judd (5-10, 170), end Ryan Owens (6-0, 170), and tackles Robert Stout (6-1, 200) and Cassidy Nevens (5-11, 190) are all seniors. Brandon Davenport (6-5, 210) is a promising sophomore tackle.

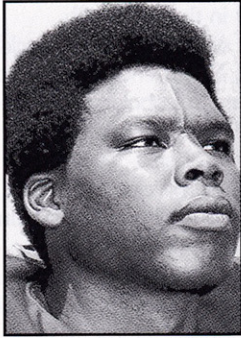
DUNCAN rebounded from an 0-9 season with a 2-7 finish. Another strong turnout should enable the Wildkats to improve. Only eight seniors return, but one is a dandy, TE Lyle Harris (6-4, 210), a three-sport star with 4.9 speed. A big, strong, fast receiver with good hands, Harris caught 15 passes for 276 yards last year. Coaches think he's a college prospect. Wingback Jeff Lunt (5-11, 160) and halfback Mike Rodriguez (5-6, 170) are tough, all-purpose players. Scott Lunt (5-7, 205) is the team's center. Junior John Foote (5-6, 180) is a tough, mini-linebacker.

It was the best season at **BENSON** since 1978. The Bobcats won 12 straight games, then fell to strong St. Johns in the 2A finals, 34-6. Coach Peter Bearse lost 22 seniors, so it's going to be a rebuilding year in 'Cat Country. With 4.7 speed, two-way back Danny Blakley (5-10, 160) is the fastest of six returning regulars, including hard-driving fullback Chad Rowland (6-0, 245). End Peter Maakestad (6-6, 200) is a big target. Kasy Schug (6-0, 225) and Ben Kartchner (6-0, 185) return in the trenches. Size is a Benson trademark.

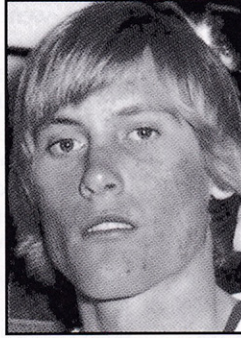
In **MORENCI**, the Wildcats continue their quest to reach the top. St. Johns ended a postseason trip, 20-8, in the quarterfinals. "We are near the top and need to find a way to get us one step closer," says head coach Reynaldo Peru, whose winning percentage (.733) is one of the best in southern Arizona. Since the former Morenci all-state end returned home, the 'Cats have fielded 5-5, 11-2, 8-3 and 9-2 clubs. Tough little Sammy Munoz (5-10, 170) is one of the best in

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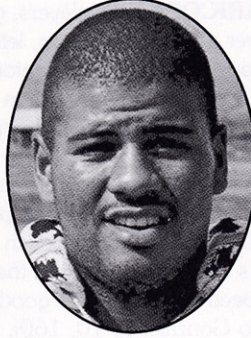
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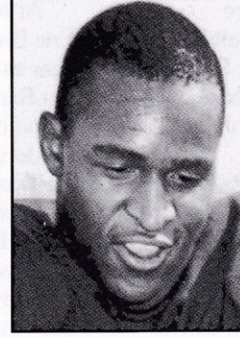
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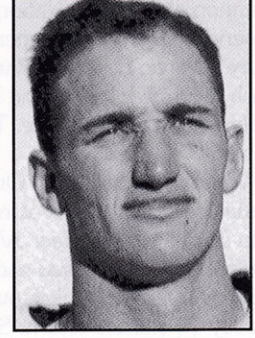
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1994..... Collin Bryce, Thatcher (DB)
1993..... Richard Lopez, Safford (LB)
1992..... Wayland Carter, Safford (RB)
1991..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher (RB)
1990..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher (RB) jr.
1989..... Erik Smith, Safford (TE)
1988..... Rudy Martinez, Safford (DL)
1987..... Mike Turner, Safford (DE)
1986..... Herman Andrews, Safford (RB)
1985..... Wayne Hatfield, Safford (DB)
1984..... Scott Warner, Safford (T)
1983..... Drago Villialba, Safford (LB)
1982..... John Alva, Thatcher (QB/DB/K)
1981..... John Alva, Thatcher (DB)
1980..... Dean Motes, Thatcher (G)
1979..... David Lee, Pima (E)
1978..... Floyd Nuttal, Safford (T)
1977..... Tee Ward, Ft. Thomas (RB/LB)
1976..... Ralph Gates, Thatcher (RB)
1975..... Matt Barney, Safford (QB/DB)
1974..... Jon Norton, Pima (FB)
1973..... Paul David, Safford (T)
1972..... Danny Smith, Safford (DB)
1971..... Willie Scroggins, Safford (E)
1970..... Eddie Scroggins, Safford (E)
1969..... Lee Brawley, Safford (HB)
1968..... Ronnie Turner, Safford (TB)

1967..... Herb Scroggins, Safford (B)
1966..... Claude Smith, Safford (FB)
1965..... Rusty Draper, Pima (HB)
1964..... Allen Scroggins, Thatcher (HB) jr.
1963..... Rick Cleland, Safford (E)
1962..... Robert Montoya, Safford (FB)
1961..... Carlos Rodriguez, Duncan (T)
1960..... Danny Bingham, Safford (RB)
1959..... David Wright, Duncan (QB)
1958..... Art Whitmore, Safford (FB)
1957..... Jeff Alder, Pima (E)
1956..... Johnny Alva, Thatcher (HB)
1955..... Norman Yetman, Duncan (HB)
1954..... Steve Craig, Safford (QB)
1953..... Ocie Owens, Safford (RB)
1952..... Gordon Phegley, Thatcher (E) jr.
1951..... Dick Ridgway, Safford (QB)
1950..... Calvert Overson, Thatcher (HB)
1949..... Ladd Mullenau, Thatcher (B)
1948..... Virgil Savage, Safford (C)
1947..... Lamell Johns, Safford (E)
1946..... James Cole, Safford (B)
1945..... Harold "Hack" Woods, Thatcher (B)
1944..... Bill Savage, Safford (E)
1943..... Danny Bryce, Thatcher (B)
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1941..... Dean DeSpain, Safford (C)

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the region. With 4.8 speed he plays halfback, linebacker or down lineman on defense. Signal caller D.R. Rutherford (5-11, 165) also starts in the secondary. Junior Erik Sanders (5-10, 185) is the Cats' fullback. Although small, juniors Joey Speigl (5-10, 195) and Jimmy Trout (6-1, 160) start on the line. Senior backs Mark Brannon and Wayne Nations are experienced. Underclassmen Matt Dunfee, Parry Alvarez, Damiene Rivera, Rodney Gash, Jimmy Johnson and Michael Waldorf should contribute. The JV unit went 6-0.

Watch out for **PIMA**. Only four players graduated. Eighteen regulars are back, plus help from a near-perfect JV unit is available. "We improved each game," says Digger O'Dell, who takes over a 4-5 club. Exactly 14 starters return. Seven earned all-conference votes, starting with RB Greg Cauthen (5-10, 175), LB Andy Rios (6-2, 225) and LB Cam O'Dell (6-0, 190), a junior. Field general Javier Gasca (5-10, 185), WR David Bryce (5-10, 160), TE Cody Dewitt (6-0, 165) and DE Jed Hughes (6-2, 175) picked up some votes. Jeremy Saline (5-10, 200), Chad Bryce (5-11, 200), David Terry (6-2, 190) and Bruce Larson (5-11, 190) have size and experience.

Veteran Steve Reeder hopes the injury bug will leave **TOMBSTONE**, so his Yellowjackets can play to their potential. Injuries and tough opponents handed his club a 1-8 season. Quarterback Ray Gonzales, guard Dwayne Wallace and end Tony Young are three of only six returning seniors. Junior QB Jeremy Homer is a capable backup.

SAN CARLOS, newest kid on the block, moves into the 2A East with just 10 regulars from a 1-8 finish in the 2A North. However, two are tops, starting with QB George Jones (5-11, 190) and HB Henry Gilbert (5-9, 160). Jones completed 50% of his passes and will be a four-year starter. Gilbert earned all-league votes. David Harney (5-10, 160) was the leading receiver. "We didn't have a commitment from our senior class," claims head coach William Schultz. "That needs to change. We played a lot of young players. Hopefully they gained experience."

2A WEST

It was a good year for **ANTELOPE**, where the Rams won a first-round playoff game, then dropped a 28-13 decision to Tempe Valley Christian. The 8-2 outing was the best since 1988. Coach Sam Fambrough is optimistic. Seniors Troy

Skousen (5-11, 152) and Johnny Esparza (5-9, 148) go both ways. Offensively, both are wideouts. Senior Daniel Torres (6-1, 220) is a two-way tackle. Underclassmen will play key roles, starting with soph QB Jeremy Burnett (5-10, 170). He and RB Charles Blomquist (5-9, 185) lettered as freshmen.

At **MARICOPA**, two players, guards Eric Brower and Jarret Parson, lettered last year as freshmen. Only four seniors dotted the Rams' roster, and it showed in the first round of the playoffs, a 53-6 spanking by St. Johns.

Twelve seniors who have played varsity ball since their freshmen year help make **GILA BEND** a contender. Coach Terry Nodlinski's club looks strong in the line, has fair speed and features a good two-way back in Bo Gonzalez (5-10, 160), the top returnee from a 4-5 club. Fullback Humberto Fernandez (6-0, 210) joins him in the backfield. Marcianno Murillo (6-0, 245) is a strong two-way tackle.

1A SOUTH

It was a smooth regular season flight for **VALLEY UNION**. But the landing was rough. The Blue Devils ended 6-3 after being spanked by Orme, 44-0, in the playoffs' first round. "Still, it was a turnaround season for us," says veteran Tom Davis. "We were able to make it back to the playoffs after four years." With key skill players returning, look for his club to be a contender. Junior QB Pat Epling (6-3, 185) completed 53 passes for 747 yards and five scores. Junior LB Jake Shumate (5-8, 180) was a defensive leader. He recorded four QB sacks. Two-way back Chris Sanders (5-11, 165), a transfer from Douglas, has excellent speed (4.7) and "big school" experience. Big Clint King (5-10, 230) is the Devils' best lineman. Clay Larson (5-10, 175) and Chris Fontes (6-2, 165) are good skill players. So is two-way back David Mortenson (6-0, 160, 4.8), top prospect in the sophomore class.

Will Hinton at **FORT THOMAS** hopes back-to-back 2-6 campaigns are a thing of the past. Maybe the success of the basketball team – two-time defending state champs – wears off on his football squad. The roundball club has won 46 straight games. Four key players also play football, starting with QB Jared Wilson (5-10, 175), who completed 66 of 114 passes (58%) for 813 yards and 10 TDs. Steve Talgo (6-1, 195) rushed for 553 yards and scored 11 TDs. Jon Kitcheyan (6-0, 179) caught 33 passes for 462 yards and four scores. Tough Waylon Preston (5-11, 190) is the

Fort's best lineman. Receivers Mario Stanley and Andre Lang also played hoops. Virgil Stanley, Ned Anderson, Jed Claridge, Jacob Nelson, Ryan Moses, Danny Curley, Jason Black and Brennon Wright have varsity letters.

It was a near-perfect season at **PATAGONIA**. The Lobos, coached by Bill House, went 8-0 in the 1A South, advancing to the state playoffs. In a wild first-round game, Mayer ended the season, 70-24. In 10 years in Loboland, House is 80-10-1, an .889 winning percentage. "We have no depth or size," says House. "It might be our smallest club ever." Still, the Lobos return some firepower, starting with Ruben Mendoza (5-10, 150), who rushed for 1,466 yards and scored 24 touchdowns. He also plays linebacker. So does Charles "Chopper" Murrietta (5-8, 145), the club's quarterback. Ruben Cruz (5-11, 145) and Casey Matrecito (5-10, 140) also started. House is right. The Lobos are small.

It was a tough season in **CLIFTON**. The Trojans won only three games. Three losses came in the last 30 seconds. With only nine regulars back, a lack of numbers will hurt, again. Still, Brett Kelly (6-2, 225) and Steve Hernandez (5-10, 200) are two good linemen. Junior Guy Quinonez (6-0, 150) is the squad's best pass catcher. Classmates like Luis Casillas, Adam Chacon and Victor Sanchez have two more seasons to improve.

In **ST. DAVID**, the Golden Tigers, once a power in 8-man football, plan to put a winless season in the past and go forward.

1A CENTRAL

It was close but no cigar for **AJO**. The Red Raiders finished in a three-way tie, then dropped two games in a mini-playoff: 28-20 to Arizona Lutheran and 25-6 to Scottsdale Christian. Ajo's season ended at 5-3. Two key players return: LB Danny Hernandez (5-9, 180) and WR Jerome Orosco (5-11, 165). Four of the biggest Raiders on the roster – 230-pound Joseph Lopez, 215-pound Nick Carver, 204-pound Angel Reyna and 260-pound Donald Martin – were underclassmen.

Improvement is the name of the game at **PALO VERDE CHRISTIAN**. The Crusaders won only one game. Twenty letter winners – exactly half the roster – return. Two-way lineman Brian Fitzgerald (6-1, 226) started as a junior, along with fullback Steve Ellis (6-0, 230). Six of the seven Crusaders who tipped the scales at 200-plus pounds return.

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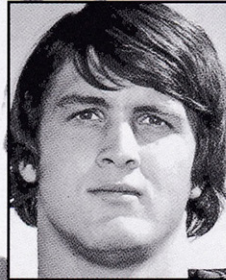
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1972 .. Tim Peterson, Ajo
1971 .. Larry Gordon, Phoenix Union
1970 .. Bob Breunig, Phoenix Alhambra
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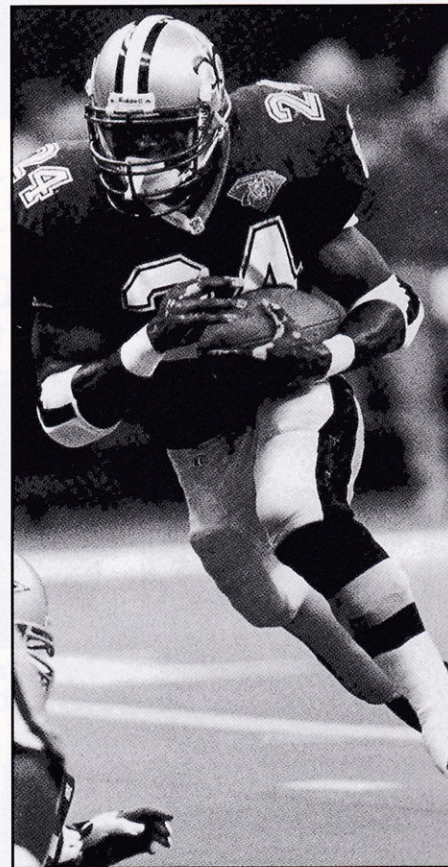
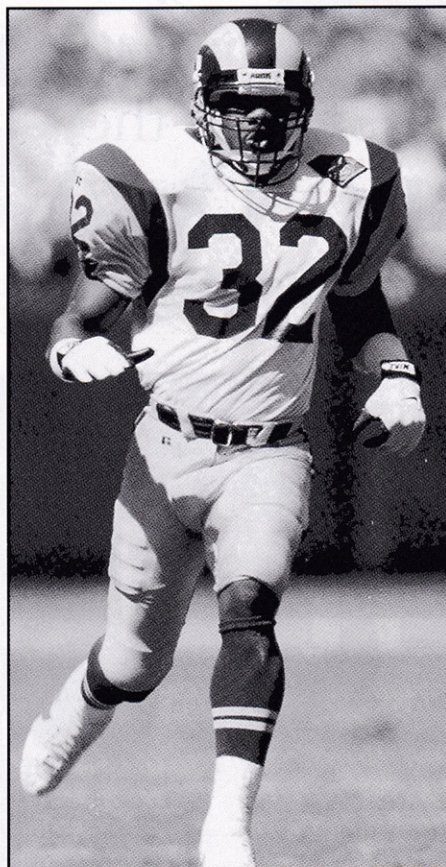
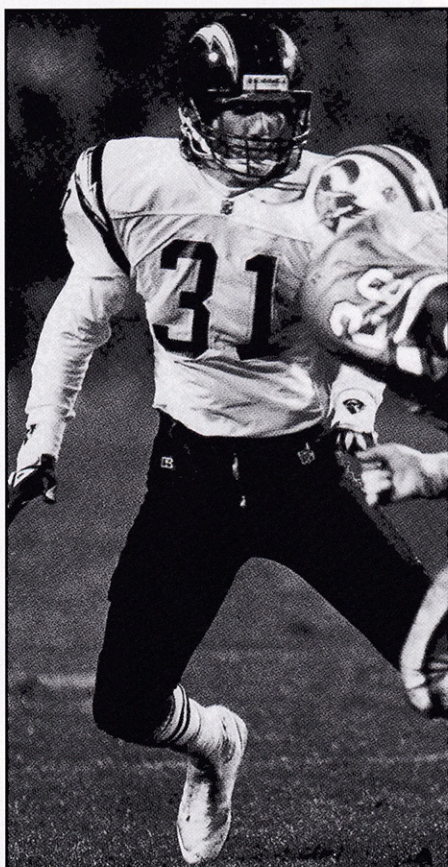
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While San Diego defensive back Brian Davis (31) switched to Minnesota, Toby Wright (32) of the Los Angeles Rams and Mario Bates (24) of the New Orleans Saints shined as rookies where they started. Last year, 26 former Arizona high schoolers dotted NFL rosters.

Still Soaring at a High Level

If you're new to the Grand Canyon State, here's a short history lesson about schoolboy football that surprises most newcomers.

Arizona continues to lay claim as the third best high school sports state west of the Mississippi. Two years ago, excluding super-populated powers California and Texas, no state in the West had more former schoolboy products on NFL rosters (31) than Arizona.

Next in line came Washington (20), followed by Colorado (15), Oklahoma (14) and Kansas (14). Arizona's total was a single-season record for the Cactus State, surpassing the 28 which dotted NFL rosters in 1992. Last fall, 26 former Arizona products received NFL paychecks (see chart), including injured receiver Anthony Edwards of the Phoenix Cardinals, lineman Rob Waldrop of Kansas City and nicked up defensive back Kevin Scott of the Detroit Lions.

Seven former players from the Arizona high school ranks went in April's NFL draft, and with key free agents like former San Manuel tackle Warner Smith (Colts)

and Tempe Marcos de Niza linebacker Bryan Hooks (Cardinals) given a good chance to make clubs, the record (31) could fall.

Between 1916 and 1969, high schools from the Phoenix area played 219 games against teams from outside the state. Schools like Phoenix Union (now closed), St. Mary's, Mesa and North locked horns against teams from Nebraska, Texas, California, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada.

The Capitol City boys did themselves proud, winning 130 games, losing 73 and tying 16. Schools from as far away as Port Arthur, Texas, and Boys Town, Nebraska fought it out on Arizona turf.

Brown University, an Ivy League school, could start three former Arizona all-stars this fall.

The most amazing record was the surprising success Mesa High had against teams from Southern California. Edgar "Mutt" Ford-coached clubs never lost to a California school. They were 10-0-0 against West Coast clubs, including a surprising 40-13 win over 1954 CIF champ Compton Centennial.

"This was the best team we faced all year," said Centennial coach Aaron Wade after the debacle. "We passed more than usual because we didn't want to get any of our backs hurt for the playoffs next week. But Mesa really trounced us."

Two key changes have taken place in the past 40 years, including a tremendous population growth in Phoenix and Tucson. Less out-of-state games have been played with California schools. It's simply not necessary; teams no longer need to travel to Texas or the West Coast to fill schedules.

One other change has been the increase in Arizona products reaching the pro ranks. It comes with the population growth. However, several states in the West have more people than Arizona, but

less players in both the college and pro football ranks.

"The odds against a high school senior playing football in the NFL are roughly 1,000 to one," said Fred Mares of the National Federation of High School Sports, located in Kansas City.

To be exact, one out of every 1,233 high school players land in the NFL, although that will increase with the addition of the Carolina Panthers and the Jacksonville Jaguars to the league.

Based on the fact that 13,000 Arizona youngsters played football at 165 schools last fall, having 26 on NFL rosters is above the norm.

"That really surprises me," added Mares, editor of the Federation's annual record book. "To have less than 200 high schools produce that many pro players is unique."

But so is Arizona lately, which has seen many of its high profile blue-chip football products leave the state to play college ball. In the past decade alone, more and more top-notch players are enrolling at schools like Nebraska, Washington, UCLA and USC, to name a few. Brown University, an Ivy League school, could start three former Arizona all-stars this fall.

This is a far cry from not too long ago, when Arizona State and Arizona grabbed up 95% of the state's top prospects. How much has college football changed in Tempe? Two years ago, Northern Arizona University had more receivers (3) in the NFL than Arizona State (2).

The cream of the crop is the NFL, and Arizona products show up everywhere. When Super Bowl champion San Francisco walked off the Miami turf last January with another ring, offensive tackle Frank Pollack had his first. The former NAU Lumberjack, a Phoenix Greenway graduate, became the most recent in a growing list of Arizona products to play in the Super Bowl.

In fact, it was a banner streak for Greenway High alum. Earlier, former Demon Tim Salmon, an outfielder with the California Angels, landed American League Rookie of the Year honors.

Several different Arizona high schools have multiple players in the league. South Mountain, the state's all-time leader (10) has two: Steve Jordan and Byron Evans. So does Scottsdale Horizon, Arizona's 5A champions of 1994, with Cincinnati line-man Ty Parten and Kansas City's Waldrop, the '93 Outland Trophy winner.

Phoenix Maryvale has three grads in the NFL today: Dallas strong safety Darren Woodson, New York Giant defensive back Phillippi Sparks, and rookie

PRO PARADE

The 26 Arizona schoolboy products in the NFL in 1994.

QB Rodney Peete, Dallas Cowboys (Tucson Sahuaro)	USC
RB Mario Bates, New Orleans Saints (Tucson Amphitheater)	ASU
WR Michael Bates, Seattle Seahawks (Tucson Amphitheater)	Arizona
WR *Anthony Edwards, Arizona Cardinals (Casa Grande)	N.M. Highlands
WR Eric Guliford, Minnesota Vikings (Peoria)	ASU
TE Steve Jordan, Minnesota Vikings (South Mountain)	Brown
TE Kurt Haws, Washington Redskins (Mesa Mountain View)	Utah
OL Randall McDaniel, Minnesota Vikings (Agua Fria)	ASU
OL John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	Arizona
OL Danny Villa, Kansas City Chiefs (Nogales)	ASU
OL Todd Kalis, Pittsburgh Steelers (Phoenix Thunderbird)	ASU
OL Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	NAU
OL Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro)	SMU
OL Mike Keim, Seattle Seahawks (Round Valley)	BYU
P Jeff Feagles, Arizona Cardinals (Phoenix Gerard)	Miami (Fla.)
LB *Byron Evans, Philadelphia Eagles (South Mountain)	Arizona
DB Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB Anthony Parker, Minnesota Vikings (Tempe McClintock)	ASU
DB Brian Davis, Minnesota Vikings (Phoenix Cortez)	Nebraska
DB *Kevin Scott, Detroit Lions (Phoenix St. Mary's)	Stanford
DB Phillippi Sparks, New York Giants (Phoenix Maryvale)	ASU
DB Muhammad Oliver, Miami Dolphins (Phoenix North)	Oregon
DB Kevin Miniefeld, Chicago Bears (Phoenix Camelback)	ASU
DB Toby Wright, Los Angeles Rams (Mesa Dobson)	Nebraska
DL Ty Parten, Cincinnati Bengals (Scottsdale Horizon)	Arizona
DL *Rob Waldrop, Kansas City Chiefs (Scottsdale Horizon)	Arizona

DRAFTED NEWCOMERS

RB Ryan Christopherson, Jacksonville Jaguars (Cactus)	Wyoming
OL Frank Garcia, Carolina Panthers (Phoenix Maryvale)	Washington
PK Cole Ford, Pittsburgh Steelers (Tucson Sabino)	USC
PK Steve McLaughlin, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Sahuaro)	Arizona
LB Sean Harris, Chicago Bears (Tucson High)	Arizona
LB Jason Kyle, Seattle Seahawks (Tempe McClintock)	ASU
DB Mike Skurlock, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Cholla)	Arizona

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center Frank Garcia, a fourth-round pick of the Carolina Panthers. Woodson and Sparks starred at Arizona State. Barring injury, watch for current Sun Devil safety Mitchell Freedman to someday reach this level.

Tucson Sahuaro has two: Dallas Cowboy backup quarterback Rodney Peete, the state Player of the Year as a junior, and rookie Steve McLaughlin of the St. Louis Rams, one of the nation's premier kickers.

It looks like Tempe McClintock might land two, with defensive back Anthony Parker switching from Minnesota to St. Louis and ASU linebacker Jason Kyle going in the fourth round to Seattle. Last

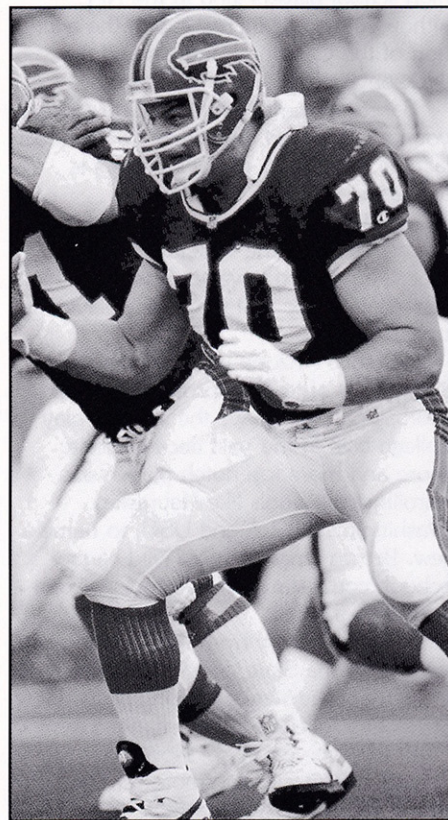
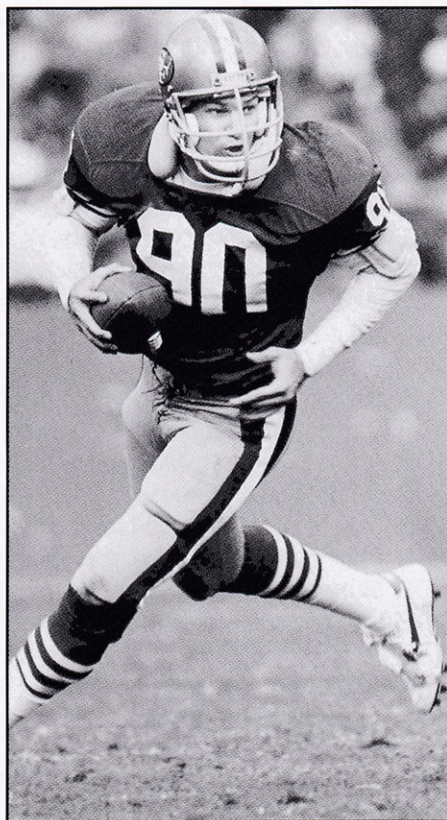
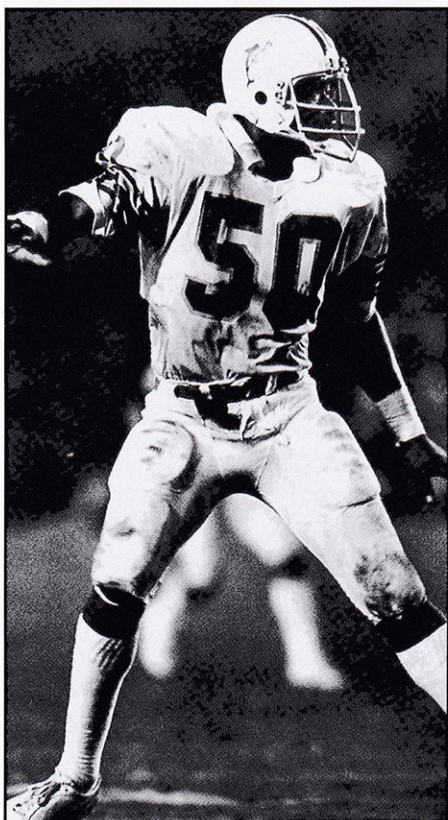
year, Parker, a member of A-State's '87 Rose Bowl champions, became the first defensive player in NFL history to score touchdowns in three straight games.

The former high school Player of the Year returned an interception 41 yards for a TD against Tampa Bay, a fumble 23 yards against Green Bay and an interception 44 yards against the Giants.

Parker played in the same secondary as Eric Allen, Philadelphia's standout cornerback, when they were in college. Many scouts believed Parker was better than Allen entering their senior years. But a knee injury cost Parker most of that season and lots of early playing time in the National Football League.

Super Bowl Arizonans

Since statehood, hundreds of Arizona high school products have played professional football in the United States and Canada. But only a few – 17 to be exact – have played in the Super Bowl



The late Larry Gordon (50), one of Phoenix Union's all-time greats, Mountain View linebacker Todd Shell (90) and Tucson Salpointe tackle John Fina (70) have played in the "big one."

By Barry Sollenberger

Last January, with millions tuned in to TV and 74,107 watching from \$200-and-up seats in Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium, the San Francisco 49ers smashed records, rolled up points and sprinted away from the San Diego Chargers, 49-26, in Super Bowl XXIX.

The next day, Monday morning's front page edition of *The Arizona Republic* featured 49er tackle Frank Pollack saluting the crowd. The same Frank Pollack who attended Greenway High in Phoenix and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Another former Arizona high school athlete had played in a Super Bowl.

Since statehood, several hundred Arizona schoolboy products have played

professional football, in the United States and Canada. But only an elite group – 17 to be exact – have played in the Super Bowl.

Since 1964, it is doubtful that Arizona has produced a better defensive lineman than Yuma's Curley Culp (see opposite page photo). Why 1964? That's when Culp played his last prep football game. It was the North-South All-Star contest, played in Flagstaff at Northern Arizona University's old Lumberjack Stadium.

It may have been the best all-star game in Arizona history, a 28-20 win by the North. Four players from that game later joined Culp in the National Football League: South Mountain end Bob Wallace (Chicago Bears), Agua Fria guard Bill Lueck (Green Bay Packers), Agua Fria quarterback-linebacker Rusty Tillman

(Washington Redskins) and Chandler defensive back Gordon Rule (Green Bay Packers). Culp and Tillman both played in Super Bowls.

But Culp was first. The former NCAA heavyweight wrestling champion from Arizona State joined Buck Buchanan, Jerry Mays and Aaron Brown to form Kansas City's forward wall which stuffed Minnesota in Super Bowl IV, 23-7.

As a schoolboy in Yuma, Culp was not only a state heavyweight wrestling champ, but a participant in two historic football games: the '64 all-star classic, and an incredible upset of state champion Scottsdale Arcadia in 1962, a team ranked No. 8 in the U.S.A.

During Culp's senior year at Yuma, a teammate was sophomore Ron Jessie, later a track and football star at the

University of Kansas. In 1980, when Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles, 31-19, in Super Bowl XIV, half the Rams' receiving corps – Jesse and Tempe Marcos de Niza's Preston Dennard – were former Arizona high school stars.

Danny White started at quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys for seven seasons, but in Super Bowls XII and XIII, he was a backup to Hall of Famer Roger Staubach. Still, White has a Super Bowl ring. So does teammate Bob Breunig, the Cowboys' starting linebacker, and like White a former Arizona State star. Both played college ball for Frank Kush. Breunig played high school ball at Phoenix Alhambra.

The late Larry Gordon, one of Phoenix Union's all-time greats, started at linebacker for Miami in Super Bowl XVII, a 27-17 loss to Washington. Gordon, possibly Arizona State's all-time best linebacker, died of a heart attack in 1983, his eighth year in the league. Today, an award given to the state's best high school linebacker is named in his honor.

Riki Gray was an all-state linebacker at Tucson Amphi and a Pac-10 terror at USC. In San Francisco he changed his last name to Ellison, but kept his football ability intact. In 1985, the 49ers beat Miami in Super Bowl XIX, and in 1989 beat Cincinnati. Riki wears two Super Bowl rings.

So does teammate Todd Shell, another terrific Arizona linebacker. The former Mesa Mountain View all-stater and BYU star was the No. 1 pick (24th overall) of the 49ers in 1984, and played five seasons before retiring from the league due to a spinal injury. Today he is the head coach of the San Jose SaberCats of the Arena Football League.

Joining Ellison and Shell on San Francisco's '89 Super Bowl club was defensive back Tory Nixon, a former Shadow Mountain High and San Diego State star.

Much traveled Brian Davis, a Phoenix Cortez product who made it big at Nebraska, finished the '94 campaign with the Minnesota Vikings. Earlier, he roamed the secondary for the San Diego

Chargers. In January of 1988, Davis was in the secondary of the World Champion Washington Redskins as they skinned the Denver Broncos, 42-10.

Speaking of Denver, two former Arizona



stars, wide receiver Vance Johnson (Tucson Cholla) and defensive back Randy

Robbins (Casa Grande), played in three Super Bowls. Johnson, both a state and NCAA long jump champ, and Robbins, a basketball star, were terrific schoolboy athletes. In high school, Johnson long jumped 25-feet, 8-inches at the Golden West Invitational; 26-feet, 11-inches at the NCAA finals.

The Buffalo Bills recently lost three straight Super Bowls, but don't blame tackle John Fina (Tucson Salpointe), an offensive starter who holds his own. John played in back-to-back games in 1993 and 1994, when the Bills lost both classics to the Dallas Cowboys, 52-17 and 30-13.

On the winning team was starting snapper Dale Hellestrae (Scottsdale Saguaro) and safety Darren Woodson (Phoenix Maryvale). These two Cowboys wear four Super Bowl rings between them. Hellestrae was a former teammate of Eric Dickerson's at SMU, while Woodson, before playing at Arizona State, was a member of one of the all-time talented backfields at Maryvale High. In 1986, the Panthers' three running backs were Woodson, Phillippi Sparks (ASU/New York Giants) and Kevin Galbreath, MVP of the 1992 Arizona State-Arizona football game in Tucson.

Super Bowl Arizonans

Player/Pro Team/High School	Bowl Year
Curley Culp, Kansas City Chiefs (Yuma)	1970
Rusty Tillman, Washington Redskins (Agua Fria)	1973
Danny White, Dallas Cowboys (Mesa Westwood)	1978, '79
Bob Breunig, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Alhambra)	1978, '79
Preston Dennard, Los Angeles Rams (Tempe Marcos de Niza)	1980
Ron Jessie, Los Angeles Rams (Yuma)	1980
Larry Gordon, Miami Dolphins (Phoenix Union)	1983
Riki Gray, San Francisco 49ers (Tucson Amphi)	1985, 1989
Todd Shell, San Francisco 49ers (Mesa Mountain View)	1985, 1989
Vance Johnson, Denver Broncos (Tucson Cholla)	1987, '88, '90
Randy Robbins, Denver Broncos (Casa Grande)	1987, '88, '89
Brian Davis, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Cortez)	1988
Tory Nixon, San Francisco 49ers (Shadow Mountain)	1989
Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro)	1993, '94
Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale)	1993, '94
John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	1993, '94
Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	1995



Back in the football business, Eastern Arizona College landed an early recruiting coup in Mesa High School tailback Gerald Green (Mesa Tribune photo by David Cruz).

Eastern Arizona Resurrected from the Dead

By Bart Conley

Football is back at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher. A fall team has been put on the fast track.

The matter was decided in January during the Graham County Community College District Governing Board's meeting, with a 3-2 split vote.

It reversed a 14-month-old decision which eliminated the program one year earlier. But since the 1993 decision was made, the make-up of the board has changed. One major change was the seating of Ladd Mullenaux, the former athletic director and Dean of Students at the time of the decision. He retired from EAC the following June.

Dropping football affected more than just EAC. It affected scheduling in the Arizona Community College ranks. Member football schools like Arizona Western, Phoenix, Glendale, Scottsdale and Mesa had to look elsewhere to fill their schedules.

The Graham County board set the maximum budget at \$350,000, with 75

football scholarships of varying degrees for the '95 season. The board did not approve a new bus, but indicated they would probably charter for trips outside the state, and use the existing transportation instate.

The board also authorized three full-time and three part-time assistant coaches in addition to a head coach. That position was filled by Paul Tidwell, a former coach at Snow College in Utah.

The resurrection of football at Eastern is about the only news in the league. Everything else looks the same. Mesa, the defending Valley of the Sun Bowl champion, looks like the team to beat. Glendale looks almost as good. Scottsdale, with another top-flight recruiting class, is on the rise. Phoenix has another head coach.

Obviously, winning the conference title and the Valley of the Sun bowl made for a good year at **MESA**. Key wins over Antelope Valley, Dixie and Hutchinson highlighted a 6-4 campaign. "Beating three nationally ranked teams, and Glendale so decisively, made it memo-

orable," says David Rice, a former assistant at Glendale.

The Thunderbirds' defense is solid, with five starters back. Linebacker Adam Hayden (6-1, 238) picked off four passes, recorded six sacks, 87 tackles and earned all-league. Down lineman Mac Smith (6-3, 270), a good student who is being heavily recruited, made 44 unassisted tackles and four sacks. Speedy Dorian Bow (5-9, 170), one of the team's quickest players with 4.4 speed, intercepted four passes on the corner. Sophomore Shane James (6-3, 270), a transfer from Louisiana Tech, can really run.

"With Chris Estes on the roster, we have the best kicker in the nation," claims Rice, who returns 36 lettermen. Last year Estes kicked five field goals in a single game, 16 on the season while leading the nation in that category. Offensively, wide-out Daniel Jones (6-0, 180, 4.4), another all-league pick, caught 50 passes for 676 yards. Big John Larsen (6-3, 290) helps form a solid front.

Mesa landed its usual crop of talented newcomers from the high school ranks,

including two key figures in Peoria's trip to the 4A finals: fullback Shannon Coulter (5-10, 245) and tackle Mike Kalin (6-4, 295). Jeff Voigt (5-11, 195), the star quarterback from state 5A champ Scottsdale Horizon, may switch to safety. Giant tackle Brian Brooks (6-7, 330), an all-stater from Missouri, could start.

It was a disappointing season at **GLENDALE**, at least by its standards. "We're looking to rebound and play to our potential," says Joe Kersting, whose Gauchos dipped to 4-4-1. "We have a lot of experience in the front seven and skill positions, but our kicking game is a question."

Each play starts with the center snap, and Glendale has a good one in center Justin Moss (6-3, 270), one of seven key sophomores. At 6-7, 300-pounds, tackle Sebastian Craynon is the biggest Gaucho on the offensive line. With 4.5 speed, Troy Campbell is the quickest in the offensive backfield. Derek Drumtra (6-0, 185) is a speedy wide receiver.

But in past years, Glendale has ruled the roost with defense. That will be the determining factor again – if end Kane Dale (6-2, 235), linebacker Jason Daigle (6-2, 235) and defensive back Alex Hollowell (6-2, 178) play to their potential.

Here's a prediction: When the new Pima Freeway connects Mesa with Scottsdale next year, the Artichokes program will take off. **SCOTTSDALE** is headed in the right direction anyway. Land Jacobsen's 3-5-1 club lost four games by 11 points. Biggest loss is quarterback Joe Germaine, who passed for 10 miles then left for Ohio State.

Watch for Phoenix Christian grad Tim Rattay (6-2, 185) to pick up the slack. Last year the all-state signal caller passed for 2,646 yards and a state-record 40 touchdowns. Redshirt freshman Gabe Lindstrom (6-4, 220), a high profile player at Bisbee two years ago, is now in the program. Quarterback looks solid.

Little Pascal Volz (5-10, 175) is back. He caught 37 passes for 514 yards and five TDs last year. So is safety Paul Shields (6-2, 215) and injured nose guard Tony Griswold (6-4, 240), two of the better JC players in Arizona. Lance Lohrenz (6-0, 220) and Brandon Tyree (5-11, 225) are tough linebackers. Shawn Wright (6-3, 220) will start at defense end and Tony Millanes (5-11, 195) will join Shields in the secondary.

If teams double up on Volz, speedy (4.5) Hud Romero (5-10, 165) should be open. Or Nikko Cooper (6-4, 185),

Arizona Junior College Blue-Chippers

RB ...Troy Campbell.....	6-0, 180, So.....	Glendale CC
RB ...Gerald Green.....	5-9, 170, Fr.....	Eastern Arizona
WR ..Daniel Jones	6-0, 180, So.....	Mesa CC
WR ..Nikko Cooper.....	6-4, 185, So.....	Scottsdale CC
WR ..Pascal Volz.....	5-10, 175, So.....	Scottsdale CC
TE ...Roderick Robinson....	6-5, 245, So.....	Arizona Western
OL ...Justin Moss	6-3, 270, So.....	Glendale CC
PK ...Chris Estes	6-2, 175, So.....	Mesa CC
DL ...Tony Griswold	6-4, 240, So.....	Scottsdale CC
DL ...Mac Smith	6-3, 270, So.....	Mesa CC
DL ...Kane Dale	6-2, 235, So.....	Glendale CC
LB ...Adam Hayden	6-1, 238, So.....	Mesa CC
LB ...Jason Daigle.....	6-2, 235, So.....	Glendale CC
DB...Paul Shields.....	6-2, 215, So.....	Scottsdale CC
DB...Koszhee McGriff.....	6-1, 185, So.....	Phoenix College
DB...Harold Barnes	5-11, 180, So.....	Eastern Arizona

another talented newcomer. Sam Koch (6-1, 260), J.R. Directo (6-3, 280) and Jesse Hart (6-5, 280) are down linemen. Koch is the Artichokes' center.

The successful SCC recruiting arm reached into the East Valley and plucked Matt Griffith (6-3, 235), winner of the Brian Murray Award as the state's best interior lineman, and Tim Croff (6-3, 265), the national high school heavyweight wrestling champion from Mesa Dobson.

"We might not be as talented, but we should be better overall," insists Jacobsen, whose club opens Sept. 2 at Eastern Arizona.

Last year the **ARIZONA WESTERN** offense averaged 32 points per game. But the defense, which started eight freshmen, had problems. "We have some good returnees back," says Walt Criner, whose Matadors finished 3-7. "We are excited about our recruits."

Of the 25 returning lettermen, 6-5, 245-pound tight end Roderick Robinson is the most visible. The gifted sophomore runs 40 yards in 4.8 seconds and has everybody's praise. That's everybody in the league. In Brian McKenzie (5-10, 180, 4.5) and Illy Allen (5-5, 155, 4.4) Western may have the smallest – but quickest – backfield in the state. At any level. Chris Gilbert (6-4, 285) and a beefy collection of down linemen will block for them. Speedy Marcellus Meredith (5-11, 185, 4.5) and big Victor Twatagaloa (6-4, 290) are solid defensive players.

John Allen, a former Arizona State assistant, takes over the struggling **PHOENIX COLLEGE** program. The Bears, 1-8 in 1994, were once the pride

of the Arizona JC ranks. Over two dozen letter winners return, but a lack of linemen and depth could take its toll by mid-season.

Both the receiving and secondary corps looks solid. Talented Koszhee McGriff (6-1, 185, 4.5) and teammates Daniel Keys (6-0, 195) and Joe Semien (6-2, 215) make up three-fourths of the Bears' secondary. Wideouts Creg Spann (6-1, 175) and Reggie Hill (6-4, 200) are dangerous receivers.

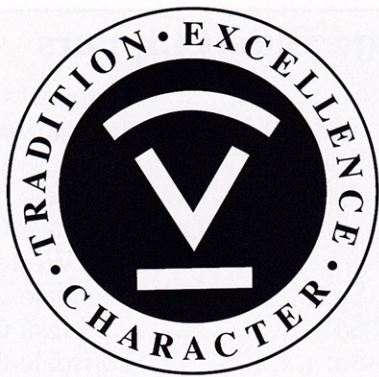
On the defensive side of the ball, Allen and his staff hope linebacker Zabotka Colbert (6-1, 225) and down linemen like Matt Rojas (6-2, 240) and Greg Brainson (6-2, 235) come through, and stay healthy.

The name of the game at **EASTERN** is numbers. Can the Gila Monsters fill a full roster after dropping the sport for a year?

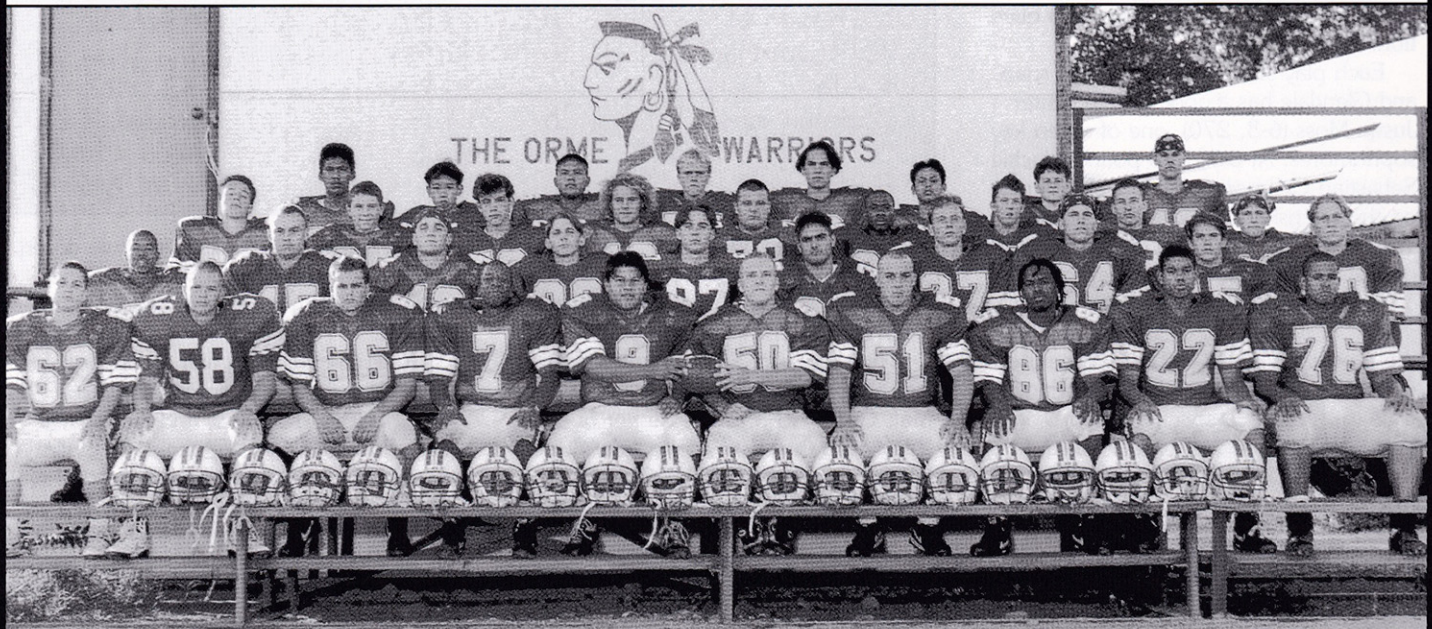
"We will have only four weeks to get the team ready," says first-year coach Paul Tidwell. "We did have a good recruiting year considering the late start."

One good example of that is halfback Gerald Green (5-9, 170), a talented back from Mesa. Last fall the former Jackrabbit rushed for 1,294 yards for the Purple Gang – 3,707 during his career. When defenses key on Green, speedy (4.4) Julius Davenport (6-0, 175) is a go to receiver. Big Lance Washburn (6-7, 320) will anchor the Monsters' line.

Defensively, Josh DeSpain (6-0, 225) and Mike Ulichny (6-3, 235) make up a young but good linebacker corps. Tim Dorsey (6-5, 255) has one end covered. Sophomore transfer Harold Barnes (5-11, 180) will start at safety. He's a good one.



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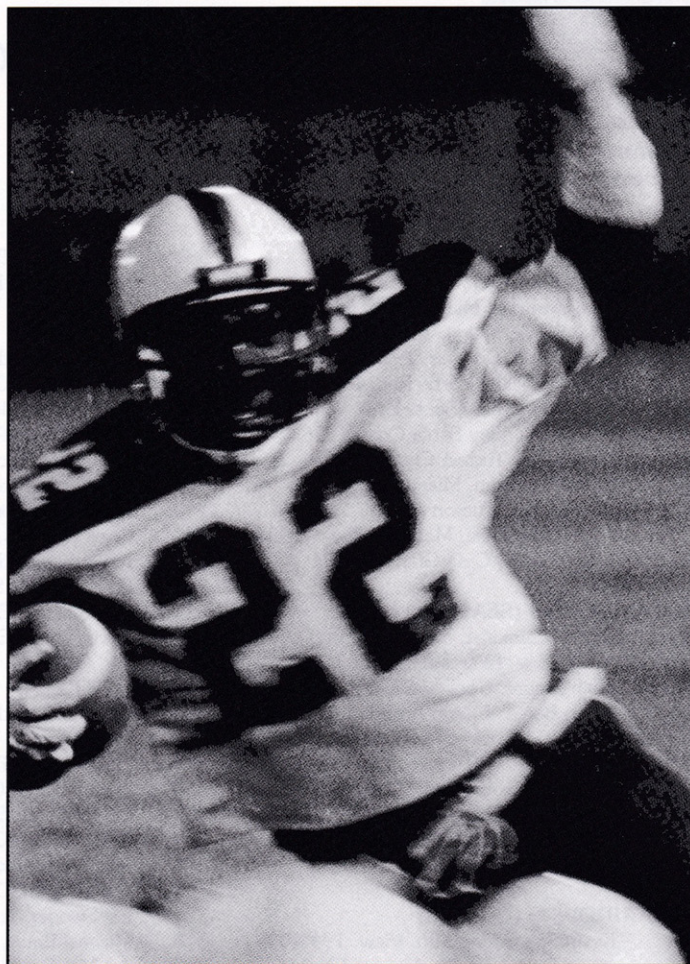
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Sunnyside's Fred Sims tallied 206 points during the 1980 season (Sunnyside Pioneer photo).

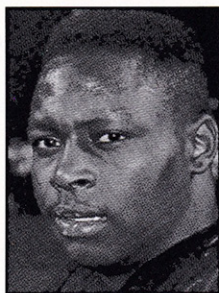
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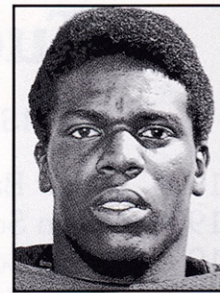
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TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

- 7Ted Bland, Tucson, 1931
- 6Ford Knowles, Miami, 1923 (jr)
- 6Mike Swick, Miami, 1924
- 6Joe Causey, Douglas, 1925
- 6Riley Hatfield, Kearny Ray, 1958
- 6Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
- 6Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
- 6Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
- 6Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)
- 6Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
- 6Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993
- 6Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)

- 39Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993
- 37Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
- 36Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
- 34Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
- 33Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980
- 31Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991
- 31Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1992 (jr)
- 30Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1969
- 30Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990
- 29Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

- 85Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93
- 61Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90
- 60Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91
- 59Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69
- 56Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1975-77
- 56Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78
- 53Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1945-48
- 53Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88
- 53Bill Swoger, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90
- 52Jimmy Davis, Coolidge, 1942-45
- 52Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1963-65

POINTS (GAME)

- 42Ted Bland, Tucson, 1931
- 40Mike Swick, Miami, 1924
- 40Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)
- 38Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956
- 38Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
- 38Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
- 38Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1982 (jr)
- 38Lonnie Graham, Miami, 1986

- 38Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
- 38Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993

POINTS (SEASON)

- 246Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993
- 234Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
- 222Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965
- 208Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
- 206Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980
- 204Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
- 190Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)
- 186Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991
- 186Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1992 (jr)
- 184David Olmos, Superior, 1994
- 180Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1969
- 180Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

POINTS (CAREER)

- 524Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93
- 384Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91
- 372Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90
- 360Jimmy Davis, Coolidge, 1942-45
- 354Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69
- 354Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1975-77
- 352Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78
- 347Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1945-48
- 320Bill Swoger, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90
- 318Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88
- 317Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1963-64

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)

- 376Cippy Correa, Wellton Antelope, 1973
- 343Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994
- 336Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
- 328Dave Griffin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
- 314Jim Faulks, Flowing Wells, 1958
- 313Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1991
- 312Kyle Muldrow, Coolidge, 1986
- 311Joey Salcido, Douglas, 1990
- 307Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955
- 306Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1989 (so)
- 303Joe Petrosus, Tucson, 1968
- 301Hayzel Daniels, Tucson, 1925 (jr)
- 301Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

- 2,740Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
- 2,515Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993

- 2,349Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994
- 2,253Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
- 2,200Glenn King, Casa Grande, 1950
- 2,107Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
- 2,107Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991
- 2,017Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980
- 1,915Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1989 (so)
- 1,892Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

- 5,711Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91
- 5,440Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93
- 4,836Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90
- 4,490Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1991-94
- 4,458Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78
- 4,480Hadley Hicks, Bisbee, 1948-51
- 4,221Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69
- 3,803Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88
- 3,580Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1978-80

CARRIES (GAME)

- 44Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965
- 42Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965
- 40Jim Fitzpatrick, Tucson Salpointe, 1962
- 39Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1968 (jr)
- 39Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977
- 39Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982
- 39Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1984 (jr)
- 39Leroy Long, Bisbee, 1992

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

- 13.9Max Hancock, Safford, 1946
- 13.6Ramon Ruiz, Clifton, 1967
- 13.4Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990
- 13.0Bruce Reed, Florence, 1983
- 12.8David Adams, Tucson S'side, 1980 (jr)
- 12.7Tommy Neal, Florence, 1983
- 12.6Frank Ards, Marana, 1965
- 12.3Eddie Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

- 99Frank Estavillo, Safford, 1930
- 99Manuel Chacon, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1954
- 99Oscar Nogales, Ajo, 1962
- 99Pete Finau, Kearny Ray, 1977
- 99Greg Johnson, Tucson Palo Verde, '85
- 98Glenn Wyman, Canyon del Oro, 1977
- 98Jeremy Johnson, Coolidge, 1990 (jr)

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In three years, Santa Cruz back Mike Cade rushed for 4,458 yards and scored 56 touchdowns (Arizona Republic photo).

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

426.....Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
425.....Dennis Bene, Tucson Salpointe, 1983
424.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, '82 (jr)
402.....Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993
399.....Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)
392.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
385.....Gabe Lindstrom, Bisbee, 1993
384.....Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986
365.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, '82 (jr)

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

2,736...Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
2,686...Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986
2,512...Olen Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, '94 (jr)
2,479...Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
2,228...Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992
2,131...Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)
2,080...Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
2,079...Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985
2,072...Bobby Valdez, Sunnyside, 1985 (jr)
2,033...Tom Brown, Tucson Sabino, 1990
2,015...William Urbina, Tucson Pueblo, 1991

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

5,774...Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, '85-88
5,731...Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1984-86
5,281...Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76
4,677...Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1987-89
4,459...Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
4,426...Jason Verdugo, CDO, 1990-92
4,091...Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1982-84

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

6.....Tommy Cupps, Casa Grande, 1952
6.....Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985
6.....Dan Gonzales, Tombstone, 1985
5.....Johnny Mansour, Miami, 1957
5.....Dick Galvez, Flowing Wells, 1967
5.....Kent Hawkins, Coolidge, 1969
5.....Rene Elias, Tucson Cholla, 1970
5.....Rene Elias, Tucson Cholla, 1970
5.....Terry Pollock, Tucson, 1972
5.....Tom Wiedenbauer, Tucson Sahuaro, '75
5.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
5.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
5.....Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuaro, '82 (jr)
5.....Mike Matlock, Tucson CDO, 1984 (jr)
5.....Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
5.....Ricky Garcia, Florence, 1985
5.....Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, 1988
5.....Jason Simpson, Wellton Antelope, '88
5.....Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992
5.....Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

28.....Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984
27.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980
26.....Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1985 (jr)
25.....Frank Fernandez, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
25.....Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1975 (jr)
25.....Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

66.....Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76
48.....Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1984-86

47.....Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
47.....Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1979-80
45.....Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1982-84
42.....Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, '85-88
42.....Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1987-89

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

99.....Tony Cortez Rose to Bill Salzbrenner,
.....Douglas, 1975
99.....Dave Lytle to Todd Schulz,
.....Tombstone, 1979
98.....Frank Fernandez to Ron Jackson,
.....Tucson Pueblo, 1967
97.....J.C. Brooks to Larry Baeza,
.....Miami, 1971
97.....Arnold Tarpley to Houston Turner,
.....Tucson Cholla, 1975
97.....Rhett Wilber to Gino Lizarraga,
.....Flowing Wells, 1986
97.....Doug Osmundson to Billy Burris,
.....Florence, 1988

RECEPTIONS (GAME)

21.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
14.....Lance Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1973
14.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
14.....Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988
13.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
12.....Mike Orozco, Tucson Catalina, 1973
12.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
12.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1984 (jr)
11.....Troy Cooke, Flowing Wells, 1979
11.....Kent Vanderkolk, Flowing Wells, 1979
11.....Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988

RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

84.....George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
81.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
73.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975
70.....Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988
67.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
67.....Rafael Martinez, Nogales, 1989
65.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
64.....Mike Orozco, Tucson Catalina, 1973
64.....Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986
61.....Pablo Policronaides, Tucson Pueblo, '86

RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

158.....Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, '84-86
152.....Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
149.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1974-76
140.....George Ochoa, Douglas, 1976-79
124.....Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1973-75
120.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84
107.....Randy Hunter, Tucson Cholla, 1977-79
101.....Jay Dobyns, Tucson Sahuaro, 1977-79

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

304.....Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972
292.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
246.....Dawaun Hill, Tucson Pueblo, 1989
243.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985
243.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
234.....Rob Moen, Flowing Wells, 1987

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227.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 227.....Wes Lewis, Tucson Catalina, 1978
 224.....Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1984 (jr)
 221.....Mark Patrick, Sierra Vista Buena, 1992
 220.....Kent Vanderkolk, Flowing Wells, 1979

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

1,492...Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 1,222...John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 1,174...George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
 1,172...Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
 1,119...Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 1,050...Steve Vargas, Tucson Pueblo, 1980
 1,049...John Fiordalis, Flowing Wells, 1983
 1,035...Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1982
 1,024...Aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)
 1,014...Tim Bridges, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
 1,010...Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

2,613...Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
 2,490...Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, '84-86
 2,375...John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1974-76
 2,300...Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, '87-88

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)

4.....Paul Ray Powell, Eloy Santa Cruz, '65
 4.....Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970
 4.....Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972
 4.....David Headley, Kearny Ray, 1972
 4.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 4.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 4.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 4.....Pat Mohen, Ajo, 1979
 4.....Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)

18.....Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975
 18.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 15.....Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970
 15.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984
 15.....Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985
 15.....Aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)
 14.....John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)
 14.....George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979
 13.....Marty Scala, Tucson Catalina, 1966
 13.....John Fiordalis, Flowing Wells, 1983
 12.....Brad Baker, Tucson Sahuaro, 1978

TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)

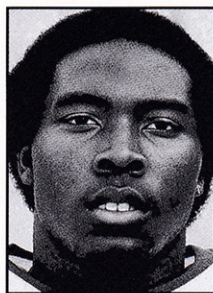
29.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, '87-88
 28.....Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82
 27.....Ken Murdock, Antelope, 1969-71
 27.....Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

5.....Mike Koza, Tucson Santa Rita, 1974
 4.....Larry Epling, Canyon del Oro, 1971
 4.....Steve Perry, Morenci, 1974
 4.....Pat Mohon, Ajo, 1979
 4.....Paul Reed, Tucson Amphi, 1989

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

18.....Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo, 1967



Fred Sims
Sunnyside



Mike Cade
Eloy Santa Cruz

13.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1974
 12.....Brad Justesen, Kearny Ray, 1969
 12.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1973 (jr)
 12.....Jay Jones, Douglas, 1979
 12.....Mickey Wheeler, Coolidge, 1979
 12.....Gino Lizarraga, Flowing Wells, 1986
 11.....Flenard Grisby, Tucson Pueblo, 1967
 11.....Randy Hunter, Tucson Cholla, 1978
 11.....George Duarte, Tucson S'side, 1980 (jr)

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

30.....Harold Smith, Florence, 1972-74
 29.....Billy Burris, Florence, 1987-89
 25.....Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo, 1966-67
 24.....Jay Jones, Douglas, 1977-79
 20.....Charles Cobbs, Florence, 1975-77

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

105.....Michael Hinojos, Hayden, 1992
 103.....Tomas Soto, Tucson Palo Verde, 1992
 102.....Martin Colbaugh, Globe, 1955 (so)
 102.....Harry O'Hagin, Nogales, 1945
 102.....Joe Ortiz, Florence, 1948
 102.....Mike Lemos, Yuma, 1992 (jr)

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

4.....Bill Shirk, Tucson Santa Rita, 1973
 4.....Chris Kinnamon, Globe, 1984
 4.....Adam Macklin, Tucson Amphi, 1989

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

11.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991
 10.....Alex Giffords, Tucson Sabino, 1978
 10.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1988

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

29.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985-88
 14.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1989-90

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

57.....Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1977
 57.....Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1988
 55.....Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1976 (jr)
 54.....Jeff Hernandez, Miami, 1970
 54.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990
 53.....Dave Newton, Tucson Sabino, 1984
 53.....Bubba Culin, Tucson Rincon, 1991
 53.....George Bon, Tucson Salpointe, 1992

PATS (GAME)

11.....Joey Mariscal, Florence, 1987
 10.....Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956
 10.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
 10.....Jose Salcedo, Tucson S'side, 1980 (jr)
 10.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990

PATS (SEASON)

70.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968
 66.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967 (jr)
 60.....Mark Kilian, Mountain View, 1993
 58.....Steve McLaughlin, Tucson Sahuaro, '89
 57.....Dave Lopez, Casa Grande, 1950
 55.....Arlen Bethay, Tucson Amphi, 1979
 52.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990
 51.....John Silvas, Florence, 1985

PATS (CAREER)

136.....Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967-68
 94.....Anthony Facio, Santa Cruz, 1979-81
 83.....Brad Foote, Sierra Vista Buena, '75-77
 75.....Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90

LONGEST PUNT

91.....Chester Beach, Ajo, 1954
 83.....Rodney Peete, Sahuaro, 1982 (jr)
 80.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946 (so)
 80.....Jesus Hernandez, Douglas, 1979 (so)

PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)

47.3.....Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee, 1980 (jr)
 47.0.....Tim Carter, Miami, 1980
 46.6.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1947 (jr)
 46.6.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990 (jr)
 45.5.....Jose Lopez, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978
 45.2.....Tony Lindsey, Marana, 1962
 45.0.....Dion Jergo, Tucson Cholla, 1975 (so)

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45.4.....Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990-91
 43.3.....Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946-48
 43.2.....Dion Jergo, Tucson Cholla, 1975-77

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)

103.....Buddy Baker, Miami, 1939
 97.....Chris Lee, Thatcher, 1977
 97.....Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988
 96.....John Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1974 (jr)

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TD)

107.....James Simon, Sierra Vista Buena, '89
 106.....Barry Bacon, Tucson Sahuaro, 1989
 99.....Eric Warrior, Tucson Sunnyside, 1976
 99.....Leon Nelson, Yuma, 1976
 99.....Peter Finau, Kearny Ray, 1977
 99.....Jay Dobyns, Tucson Sahuaro, 1979
 99.....Darryl Rice, Tucson Sahuaro, 1983
 99.....Ralph Castillo, Kearny Ray, 1984
 99.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1987 (jr)
 99.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990
 99.....Aaron Corona, Flowing Wells, 1992 (jr)

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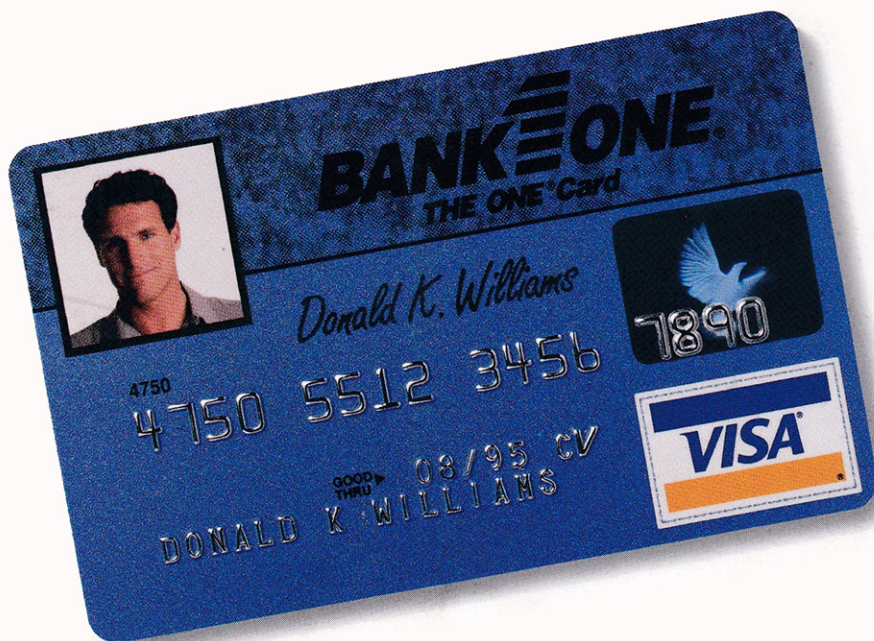
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